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INTRODUCTION

Probate inventories contain a wealth of unique information for the social or economic historian, for by listing and valuing the goods, chattels, credits and debts of the deceased in detail they enable their owner's way of life, craft practices, and financial state to be established with the greatest accuracy. The collections of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society contain some 47 inventories of sixteenth and seventeenth century date, these having survived in the various family and estate archives which have been deposited with the society during the last hundred years. Despite this rather haphazard method of collection, these inventories are of considerable interest, for they represent a wide cross-section of the inhabitants of the East and West Ridings of the County, their subjects ranging from peasants in their single-roomed cottages to such notable persons as Thomas, Lord Wharton, Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, and Sir Thomas Wentworth of Bretton, who all lived in considerable state within their respective mansions.

The present volume contains transcripts of all the probate inventories at present held by the society, with the exception of three which have already appeared in print.¹ In every case the text of the inventory has been given in its original form, except for the occasional Latin introduction or colophon which has been translated into English, and the roman numerals, which have been converted into arabic throughout, thus rendering the contents of each inventory into the simplest possible form for a greater ease of comparison. One difficulty experienced during transcription was the exceptionally large number of archaic or dialect terms used to describe the deceased's possessions, these being rendered even more confusing by their variable and phonetic spelling. Quite often a word will appear in two or even three different forms within the same inventory. These peculiarities are so numerous and appear with such frequency that it has proved necessary to compile a full glossary (see pp. 164-170) in preference to explaining each occurrence of an unusual word in a footnote.

The inventories are arranged in chronological order throughout,

¹ The inventories of Sir William Middleton of Stockeld (5th May, 1641) and of Sir William Ingilby of Ripley (19th February, 1617) are both printed in *The Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, Vol. 34 (1939), p. 170. That of John Pawson, clothier, of Leeds (5th February, 1576) is printed in the *Transactions of the Thoresby Society*, Vol. IV, part 2 (1893), p. 163.

each one being prefaced by a brief biographical introduction wherever this has proved possible. Additional details regarding the subject's house or particular possessions have also been included to enable the contents of the inventories to be studied in as great a detail as possible. Unless otherwise stated, the background information regarding each subject has been taken from J. W. Clay's *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire*, published in Exeter in 3 volumes, 1899, 1917. The six-figure map references giving the location of the various houses studied are taken from the Ordnance Survey's one-inch maps, seventh series.

The Inventories

“*INVENTARIE*, (*Inventarium*,) Is a list or repertory orderly made, of all dead mens goods and Chattels, prised by four credible Men or more, which every Executor or Administrator ought to exhibit to the Ordinary, at such time as he shall appoint. *West, Part I, Symbol. lib. 2. Sect. 696*, where likewise you may see the form. This *Inventary* proceeds from the Civil Law; for, whereas by the ancient Law of the *Romans*, the Heir was tied to answer all the Testators Debts, by which means Inheritances were prejudicial to many men: *Justinian*, to encourage men the better to take upon them this charitable Office, ordain'd, That, if the Heir would first make and exhibit a true *Inventary* of all the Testators Substance coming to his hands, he should be no farther charged then to the value of it. *Lib. ult. Cod de. Jure deliberando.*”

This passage, taken from Thomas Blount's '*Law-Dictionary*' of 1670, states the essential features of the probate inventory as understood by a practising lawyer of the late seventeenth century. By the law of 1529 the executors were bound to place before the court of the ordinary the will, signed and witnessed, together with a 'true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels, wares, merchandises as well moveable as not moveable' which had belonged to the deceased at the time of his death. When the court had satisfied itself that these documents were both genuine and accurate it proceeded to grant the administration of the estate to the executors, filing copies of both the will and the inventory in its own archives. This procedure was essential to protect the estate from claims it could not bear, to safeguard the beneficiaries from being cheated by the executors, and to assist the court in assessing its fees.

The practical aspects of compiling the inventories can easily be

deduced from the documents themselves. Within a few days of the decease a group of local men of good repute, usually four in number (but occasionally three or five) entered the house, and made a precise list and valuation of its entire contents. Presumably they would be invited to perform this service by the family themselves or even by the executors. It is noticeable that the same men often compiled the inventories for succeeding members of a particular family, as Peter Clerke and Robert Ellys did for the Vavasors of Spaldington, for example, while in certain areas particular men appear to have gained a reputation for undertaking this office in a thoroughly trustworthy manner, as Peter Thorpe, Robert West, Richard Norfolk and Miles Yeadon did around Knaresborough and Scriven. There were no set rules as to the order in which the various items were to be listed, but often the local custom dictated that one group of objects should follow another. In the manor of Beechill, for example, the inventories almost invariably commenced with an account of the deceased's purse and apparel, this being followed by a list of his household goods, his stock and agricultural equipment, and his various debts and credits. In other areas it was common to commence with the contents of the barns and outbuildings, which probably indicates that these areas were visited first when the inventories were being compiled. Wherever it has been possible to identify the building referred to in an inventory, it has been noted that the order of the rooms listed follows the logical progression of the inventors as they passed slowly through the house from the main hall, housebody, or hall-house, through to the servants' chambers and store-rooms on the upper floors. Often the wide range of the deceased's possessions prohibited the adoption of such straightforward procedures, however, as illustrated by a number of the following inventories. The compilers of Thomas, Lord Wharton's inventory found the furnishings of his mansion at Healaugh so rich in quality and great in number that they were forced to list them under such headings as hangings, carpets, quilts and counterpanes, testers, beds, and bedding, etc., in order to produce a workable inventory for probate. A rather different task faced the inventors of the property of Matthew Wilson, a London merchant who, besides possessing residences in London and Yorkshire and a vast store of merchandise at the Blackwell Hall cloth market, was also involved in over 150 financial transactions, both within and without a partnership. This inventory is one of the greatest complexity, the document itself growing to the enormous length of 38 ft. 11 in.

In other inventories it will be noted that the subject, although quite wealthy, owns the minimum household equipment. Usually this indicates that he was lodging in a larger house, owning the fittings of his own chamber alone, as may be seen in the inventories of Richard Thornhill of Fixby and Christopher Foster of Filey.

In the following sections the various items included in the inventories are discussed in detail, topic by topic. No attempt has been made to study this material quantitatively (e.g., acreages of particular crops, size of herds, etc.) as the range of wealth, date, and geographical situation between the various subjects is far too great to enable any worthwhile conclusions to be made.

Furniture

The furnishings included in the medium- and larger-sized houses listed in the inventories reflect a gradual development as medieval concepts were cast off and a more modern way of life evolved. In the earlier inventories it will be seen that life centred around the hall or housebody, which formed a general living-room for the whole household. In this room was a long table which had either a well-made 'joined' underframe, or else was supported on collapsible trestles to enable it to be removed with ease whenever extra space was required. Around the table were usually a number of stools, buffets, or forms, together with one or two chairs to complete the seating requirements. Frequently cushions were used in the hall, but in some cases the seats of the various stools, etc., were upholstered either in plain cloth, or in Turkey and set-work needlework bearing formal foliage designs. By the walls might be spaced a number of chests, aumbreys, hutches, counters, or livery cupboards, as dictated by either necessity or wealth. The chests were made in a number of specific styles, being described either as cypress chests, in which case they were built from slabs of cypress-wood dovetailed together to form a large box, as carved chests, with ornate carved decoration, as white chests, in which case they bore painted decoration, or as Flanders chests, these being heavily carved examples of Flemish workmanship. The walls might be decorated in any number of ways, but only when the wall-coverings were not part of the structure are they listed. In the more prosperous houses hangings of tapestry were used, these being worked in biblical or classical themes, but elsewhere painted cloths were used as a cheaper substitute.

Next to this room was the parlour, which served as private quarters for the head of the family, its furniture usually including good-quality tables, chairs, and one or more beds in the medieval

manner. At the opposite end of the hall, meanwhile, were the kitchens and butteries with their specialised equipment, while above the whole ground floor would range the chambers, serving variously as bedrooms, store-rooms or work-rooms, depending on the size and means of the individual family.

As the seventeenth century progressed this traditional pattern slowly broke down as new habits were adopted. The old parlour, for example, ceased to be a private bed-sittingroom, and became a dining-room for the pleasurable entertainment of guests, who no doubt preferred its comfortable and intimate atmosphere to that of the communal tables in the hall. This change is well documented in the inventories of the Richardsons of Bierley Hall, their old 'best Parlor next the Hall', complete with its bed., etc., being re-furnished between 1656 and 1667 with a new draw-table and an expensive set of twelve 'Rushy leather chaires' to form a 'Dineng Roome'. Often these rooms were of the greatest opulence, as is shown by the inventory of John Webster, the Doncaster alderman, whose 'dineing roome' was decorated with two mirrors, twelve pictures, a posset pot, a case of glasses, and delft plates, etc., in 1674. Now the best bedroom was always at chamber level, the bed itself mirroring the wealth of its owner. Usually it was a stand or canopy bed (i.e. a four-poster) equipped with a wheel, truckle, or trundle bed, this being a low-framed bed mounted on wheels which was stored beneath the larger bed during the day, and pulled out for extra sleeping accommodation at night.

In contrast to the houses of the yeomen and gentlemen, with their usual arrangement of kitchen, hall, and parlour/dining-room, were those of the wealthy peers and knights. Their mansions were constructed with a much greater diversity of design, having a great number of private chambers for guests and a series of semi-public rooms variously called 'Great Chambers' or halls, in which to dispense their business as local administrators. The quality of their furniture is always of a breathtaking magnificence, such items as cloth-of-gold bed-hangings, Indian cabinets full of jewels, lacquer mirrors, gilt leather carpets, and other exotic products being frequently mentioned. These are discussed in detail in the introductions to their owner's inventories, those of Thomas, Lord Wharton, and the two Sir Thomas Wentworths being particularly rich.

Textiles

The domestic production of cloth was widely practised in

sixteenth and seventeenth-century Yorkshire, over a third of the inventories mentioning either yarns or pieces of textile equipment. Surprisingly it is the linen and hempen cloths which are most frequently mentioned, giving the impression that they, rather than wool, were the major textiles produced. Certainly large quantities of linen and hemp cloth were required to equip even the smaller houses, as an inspection of any of the inventories will show. The industry appears to have operated at two distinct levels, the cottagers and minor yeomen spinning the yarn, while the more prosperous yeomen and gentlemen wove and finished it. The cottagers' inventories such as those of Will Place, Robert West or John Nettleton, for example, contain references to spinning-wheels, therefore, while those of the wealthier yeomen, such as Henry Robinson, contain such equipment as loom, warping 'woughs', spool wheels, trestles and shears, as well as large quantities of yarn. Only occasionally are yarn-producing tools such as heckles, ripples or wool-combs mentioned, but this may be explained by their relatively low price and hence their presumable inclusion in the huslement of the household.

Cooking

The majority of the food consumed in Yorkshire in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries appears to have been made in the home from locally-grown produce. Wheat, rye, barley and oats were the main cereals; beans, peas, onions and parsnips the main vegetables; and beef, bacon, ham and dairy products the main sources of protein. In order to make these rather plain foodstuffs a little more palatable, however, the wealthier families made use of a wide range of herbs and spices supplied by grocers such as John Webster of Doncaster (see p. 139). In addition, such luxuries as sugar almonds, etc., were also available, but these were extremely high in price.

The major tasks undertaken by the contemporary housewife were concerned with the preparation and preservation of basic foods such as bread, oatcake, salt meat, etc., for which the extensive range of cooking utensils listed in the inventories was required. For bread-making the dough-trough was essential, this being a long wooden trough, often scooped out of a section of solid tree-trunk, in which the wheat, barley or rye meals were kneaded with water, a little salt, and yeast before being allowed to rise and being baked. Oatcake was prepared in a different manner, the oatmeal first being made into a batter with water, salt and yeast in a wooden kit before being poured on to a hot bakstone to cook. During

this period the bakstone was usually made of a thin slab of iron or mudstone measuring approximately eighteen inches square, this being supported a few inches above the fire by means of an iron brandreth, thus forming a serviceable hotplate. This technique of oatcake-making appears to have been largely restricted to the higher lands to the west of the county, as emphasized by the occurrence of a bakstone in the inventory of Edmund Bothomoly of Slaithwaite in 1668.

Due to a shortage of winter feed and the consequent necessity to kill beef cattle while still in their prime after summer and early autumn feeding, the process of jointing and salting meat for winter use usually took place in the first few weeks of October. Although the joints of meat were probably dry-salted in some cases, it is evident that wet-salting was the more usual practice, for many of the inventories list kimlins, these being large wooden tubs in which the meat was submerged in a strong brine for three or four weeks. Following this treatment they would be wiped dry and hung ready for use, a separate flesh chamber on an upper floor frequently being reserved for them. Similar techniques were also used to preserve pork, ham and bacon joints, flakes, or fliches, of bacon being frequently listed.

The actual cooking processes were invariably conducted over an open fire, for the only ovens available were of the masonry beehive type, these being used for bread and pastry making alone in the larger houses. In the majority of kitchens, however, all the food was cooked on a fire of coal, turf, peat or wood, set on the flat hearth of a wide masonry fireplace. To contain the fire, or to raise it to give it more draught, a pair of iron fire-dogs or andirons were used. In front of these might stand a pair of cob-irons having a number of hooks mounted on their front face to support spits at convenient heights in front of the fire to enable meat to be roasted to the greatest advantage. Usually the spits were hand turned, but occasionally a jack or 'gakke' is referred to, indicating that a clockwork device was being used to perform this time-consuming operation. Reckons, gallows and gallow-balks are also listed in the inventories, these being wrought-iron chimney cranes which swung horizontal jibs over the fire to enable brandreths or cauldrons to be suspended over the flames. They were extremely useful devices, for the majority of the meat, vegetables and puddings prepared in the kitchen were boiled together in the cauldron, each individual item being either tied in a pudding-cloth or sealed in an earthenware jar before being plunged into the water boiling in the cauldron. Here they cooked together in the

minimum space, leaving the remainder of the hearth clear for other pans. As the great heat from the fire was often too fierce for those cooking operations such as poaching, etc., which required a gentle heat, an iron-framed chafing-dish was often used. This was a pierced pan mounted on three legs in which a little charcoal or live embers could be held to heat a dish placed above it. It could also be used in the housebody or dining-room whenever a minor cooking operation or a little extra heat was required.

Tableware

The vessels in which food was served and consumed at the table appear to have changed considerably throughout the period covered by the inventories. In the earlier ones wood was still largely used for plates and drinking vessels, William Middleton using two boxes of both square and round trenchers in 1578, and John Thornhill using cups and dublers (i.e. dishes or bowls) of wood in 1567. For much of the sixteenth century, pottery cups of the 'Cistercian ware' type were used by most sections of society but, being low in price, they were presumably included in the huslement of the various kitchens. The reference to three shillingsworth of 'tyle and aile pottes' in the 1561 inventory of George Vavasor points to their use in quite wealthy households however. From the later sixteenth century pewter gradually became the chief material for tableware, largely replacing both wood and pottery at all but the poorer tables. Being relatively cheap and easy to work it was unrivalled for everyday use where appearance and cleanliness were important, and it was only the development of fine earthenwares in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries that caused its eventual decline. The first indications of this are contained in the references to 'white plates' of tin-glazed delftware in the dining-room of John Webster in 1674 and in My Lady's Old Closet in Sir Thomas Wentworth's Hall at Bretton in 1675.

Imported wares are also mentioned at quite early dates, salt-glazed stonewares, probably of Germanic origin, being listed amongst the possessions of Elizabeth Thornhill of Toothill, who had a number of 'stone cups' in 1567, and those of Anne Vavasor of Spaldington, who owned 'stone bottles', probably of the Belarmine variety, in 1570. Glassware, perhaps from Venice, was also in use from the later sixteenth century at least, Leonard Pinkney having glasses in his buttery at Thirsk as early as 1567.

In addition to the more common varieties of tableware discussed above, the wealthier members of the community made great use of gold, silver and silver gilt-plate. In inventories such as that

of Sir Thomas Wentworth in 1675, the disappointingly brief reference to 'Certaine Silver plate £591 9s. *od.*' gives some indication as to the amount of silver that might be kept for use in the house. Other inventories, however, spare no detail in describing each piece of plate, even giving an account of the silver marks as they occur. Thomas, Lord Wharton's inventory of 1568 is of this type, giving the reader an accurate view of the magnificence of his table furnishings. Naturally this inventory contains a great number of exotic products such as complete silver-gilt table-services with heraldic designs, ornate standing cups and salts, silver barber's bowls, etc., the powerful status-symbols of a successful and influential courtier. In addition to its use in such fabulous collections, gold, and, to a greater extent, silver plate was used to a limited degree by the minor gentry and yeoman. Often its range was restricted to a single salt, or to a number of spoons, but occasionally it occurred in rather more specialised forms, as in John Webster's caudle cup, or in John Ryall's beaker and wine bowl.

Brewing

Beer was brewed in almost every household during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the only exceptions being the cottagers who could not afford the required fuel and materials. The majority of the inventories, therefore, give quite detailed accounts of the various types of brewing equipment and ingredients. These usually include such vessels as maskfats, sweet wort fats, gylefats, tubs and barrels, together with various quantities of malt in a malt-ark. It is interesting to note that very few references to hops are made in the inventories published here, although they were introduced into this country from the Continent in the mid sixteenth century. Contemporary writers such as Gervase Markham give the impression that ale (i.e. un-hopped brewed liquor) was replaced by beer (which contained hops) by the mid seventeenth century at least, but it is possible that the inhabitants of Yorkshire were quick to adopt the newer style of beverage, for 'hopps' are listed in the 1596 inventory of John Nettleton of Knaresborough.

The process of brewing was commenced by grinding the malt to a meal-like texture with a malt grater, such as the one owned by George West of Knaresborough in 1625. Then, to quote Gervase Markham: 'After the Malt is ground they put it into a mashvat and the liquor in the [brewing copper] being ready to boyle, put it to the malt and mash together. Let it stand an hower. Then drain the liquor from the Malt and put it in the [brewing copper] againe, and ad to it for every quarte of Malt a $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of hops

and boyle over the space of an hower. Then clense the liquor from the hops through a strait sive into the [gylefatt] . . . then put in your barme [yeast] and after they have wrought, then heat them together, then tunne your Beere into Hoggsheads, let it purdege [work] well, and after close them up. This Beere may be drunke at a forghnight's age and is of long lasting.'

Dairying

Dairy work was undertaken in a room set aside for this purpose in all the larger houses, but elsewhere it found its place in the kitchen alongside the other household tasks. Most households appear to have processed sufficient dairy products for their own consumption alone, but towards the end of the period covered by these inventories certain products are entered in the inventories in unusually large quantities, showing that they were being made for sale. Edmund Bothomoly of Slaithwaite, for example, possessed fifteen pots of butter weighing a total of 260 lbs. when he died in 1668.

The milk was usually drawn from the cow into a wooden milking kit, or pail, in which it was carried to the dairy, where it was either temporarily stored for domestic use, or was converted into either butter or cheese.

If butter was to be made, the milk was first poured into wide wooden milk bowls or milk trays, where the cream rose to the surface and was skimmed off into a cream pot. From the cream pot the cream was poured into a churn, usually of the tall plunger variety, but occasionally in the form of a box with rotating internal paddles termed a 'turn churn' in the inventory of Sir Thomas Wentworth of Bretton. Here it was agitated for some hours, until the butter separated from the buttermilk, and was scooped out into a butter bowl, skele, or kit, where it was washed and beaten to remove the surplus buttermilk and mix in a quantity of salt as a preservative. If the butter was to be salted down for long periods, either for sale or for winter use, it was well washed, pressed dry, and knuckled down into clean well-scalded kits or pots in thin layers. Salt was sprinkled between each layer, and great care taken to exclude all air-pockets from the mass of butter. When the container was full, the top was rammed down and sealed, thus preserving the butter for the following year, or probably even longer.

For cheese, the whole milk was formed into a curd by the addition of rennet, or 'keslops', in the form of a little water in which a piece of a dried calf's stomach had been boiled. It is

unlikely that the milk was heated to aid this action, as was common last century, for none of the inventories mention cheese-kettles, which are almost essential for pre-heating the milk. Once the curd had set it was broken with the hands, and the whey drawn off. After draining in a sile (sive) supported by a brig (bridge) over a skele, the curds were packed into a cheese-cloth within a cylindrical chesfatt (cheese-vat) which was in the form of a topless cooper-made tub which had a number of small holes pierced through its walls to aid the draining of the whey. A circular sinker (or plunger) was then placed on top of the curds, and the whole vat pressed under a mechanical cheese-press to remove further whey and to consolidate the separate curds into a firm and uniform cheese.

Transport

The most common means of personal transport used throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was undoubtedly the saddle-horse for the individual rider, saddles and bridles being included in many of the inventories. As with other personal effects, the quality of the saddlery depended upon the means of its owner, and while most riders used quite plain and serviceable equipment others, such as Thomas, Lord Wharton, possessed extremely costly and ornate harness including armorial sumpter cloths, and 'a foot cloth of black velvet with a head stawlle trappinges and stirrappes for the same fringed with black sylke and gold'. The quality of the horse itself was also of the greatest importance, Lord Wharton riding on a white gelding, George Wentworth on a 'grissell geldinge', and Sir Thomas Wentworth on a 'Ston'd Horse' worth forty pounds, while their contemporaries contented themselves with mares which probably saw additional service as draught horses.

The horse-drawn carriage was but rarely seen in England before the late sixteenth century when it began to replace the litter as a means of transport. Lord Wharton's litter, with its black velvet covering, would be in the form of a box-like structure of wood and leather slung from two poles in the manner of a sedan chair, but carried by a pair of horses. This cannot have been a comfortable way of travelling for any but the aged or infirm, particularly when the condition of the English roads is considered. By the mid seventeenth century the carriage had almost entirely superseded the litter, and most of the major families possessed at least one carriage for their private use. Even so, they were still rather uncomfortable, with poor suspension and heavy frames which,

as in the case of Sir Thomas Wentworth's coach of 1675, required at least six horses to drag them from place to place along deeply-rutted roads.

For carrying cloth or similar merchandise the pack-horse was the only suitable method of transport, for it could quickly convey quite heavy loads over the narrowest of tracks with the minimum inconvenience. Each pack-horse was fitted with a wood-framed saddle, padded beneath, which was secured to the horse by a leather strap, or wantey, which passed around its belly. The load was then placed over the saddle, and tied in place with an additional wantey or rope. Pack-horses were extremely common in the West Riding during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and hence frequent references to pack-saddles, load-saddles, or 'saddles with ropes' occur in these inventories.

Farm transport during this period was little removed from that of early medieval times, the ox still being the major draught animal, with the horse performing only the lighter tasks. For harvest work the standard vehicle was the wain. This was a long ox-cart mounted on two spoked wheels and having a long blade, through-tree or draught-pole extending forwards from its body to link with a yolk which held two oxen in place. Its sides were built up for some distance and topped with broad shelvings or rathes which prevented the load from falling around the wheels, besides increasing the vehicle's carrying capacity considerably. Although primarily a harvest vehicle, it was also fitted out for other specialised carrying requirements as needed, being described in a number of inventories as either a harvest-wain, a turf wain, or a stone-wain, depending on its particular modifications. The wain was undoubtedly a home-made vehicle, its various components such as shelvings, rathes, through-trees, blades, rungs and axle-trees frequently being included in the miscellaneous wood stored in the yards or barns. Even the wheels were made by the farmer himself, their naves (hubs), speaks (spokes) and felloes (rims) also being stored in gangs, or sets, in the outbuildings. Further evidence for this particular form of self-sufficiency is given in the will of William Parkin of Malton, who died in 1559, in which he left to his son 'all my working gear and so much wood as will make him two paire off wheales . . .'. It will be noticed that the completed wheels are frequently listed separately from the bodies of the vehicles they carried, this being due to the practice of storing the wains between harvests by removing their wheels and stacking them on their sides in either the barn or the wain-house.

In hilly districts, such as the Pennines, the wain was unsuitable for harvest work, for its high centre of gravity made it unsafe on the steep hillsides. In these areas, therefore, the sled was widely used, this being a rectangular framework a few inches high and mounted on runners on which the crop could be stacked and hauled away to the barns, its low centre of gravity making it extremely stable, and its considerable friction acting as a brake when descending quickly.

The other farming vehicle was the coup, which had a small box-like body with closed sides and ends, which was used to cart either lime or manure to the fields. The references to coup wheels indicate that this vehicle was occasionally wheeled, but it is likely that others were mounted on sled runners, for the term coup is still used today by the Pennine farmers to describe dung-carts so mounted.

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SIR THOMAS WENTWORTH OF BRETTON, KNIGHT, 1542

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper measuring $8\frac{1}{4}$ in. x 12 in.

Sir Thomas Wentworth, son of Mathew Wentworth of Bretton and Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Woodruffe of Wooley, was Knight Marshall to Henry VIII, serving as Governor of Sandal Castle at the time of his death in 1542. In 1531 he married Isabel, daughter of Thomas Wentworth of Elmsall (the settlement being dated 1 August of that year) and set up his own establishment at West Bretton. The house, now known as Bower Hill Farm (SE 275140), is a timber-framed structure having the inscription 'THOMAS WENTWORTH K EZABELL HYS WYF. ARRH AXXT' carved into a beam over its largest fireplace.¹ It has been greatly altered since this date however, and a stone casing of 1675 and some quite modern interior fittings effectively obliterate most of its early features. Although the house itself has suffered over the last four centuries, the bed and cupboard listed here in the little chamber have survived intact, being removed to Bretton Hall prior to the late seventeenth century, and subsequently taken to Temple Newsam House, Leeds, where they can be seen today. Both pieces are of the highest quality, being ornately carved in a wealth of Renaissance detail. The cupboard back is divided into six panels, the upper three bearing high relief portrait busts of a youth, a man, and a woman, while those below contain the arms of Wentworth (sable, between three leopard's heads a chevron or, charged with a mullet gules), Dronsfield (paly of six argent and sable, on a bend gules three mullets or), and Fitzwilliam (lozengy argent & gules), these being the arms of Wentworth of Bretton recorded at Tonge's visitation of 1530. Above the central panel appear a helm and crest, together with the initials T.W.K. (Thomas Wentworth Knight) proving his ownership conclusively. The bed-head, meanwhile, is divided into eleven panels, the upper row bearing a female portrait bust, the Dronsfield arms, the Wentworth arms and a male portrait bust respectively, the middle

¹ See W. S. Banks, *Walks about Wakefield* (1871), p. 427.

row bearing reliefs of Samson killing a lion with the jawbone of an ass, St George and the dragon, and David with the head of Goliath, while the bottom row consists of four stylized heads in roundels. The quality of the workmanship throughout is superb, and, with their early date and sound provenance, they form one of the finest groups of early sixteenth-century furniture in this country.

AN INVENTORY of all the beddyng and other howsholde stuff apperteyning of Sir Thomas Wentworth knight and beying within his howse called Bretton Hall taken the 20th day of November 34 Henry VIII [1542].

The great Chamber

First A bedsted with a tryndle bed geoned within the same Two gret fether bedds and two bolsters with fyne brisel tikes a matres & kevering and a carpitt & teister of white and tawney saten embrothered Tre curtens of chaungeable sarcenet A peise of redd and gren say A cheste of cipers Two Andeyrons A cheire and two stoyles geoned.

The lytle chamber

A bedsted a fether bed A bolster a pair of arras A teister of russet velvet and clothe of golde with dropps of golde upon the velvet. A trindell bed with a fether bedd A quylt of yellow taffeta lyned with blew bokeram Two newe keveringes of arras lyned with white canves A quylt of gren and red sarcinet with thredes of golde lyned with redd and gren bockeram A teister for a bed of russet velvet and creimson saten with curtenes of blew and red sarcinet two peices of tapstery for windoes a teister of red saye six peices of . . . nekes and thre curtens of red say.

The litle . . .

Thre peice of Silke . . . quisheyns of Saten of . . . A quysheyn of silke nedle worke . . . curtens of red and yellow saye . . . of tapstery for a cubborde Two [curtains] for the windoes on red and yellow saye and thother of red saye The hanginges of the said chambre of red say with two paynted clothes fixed on the same on of our lady of pitie and thother of mary mawdelen A steyle glasse set with mother of perle A table paynted with faces Two lytle tables on rownd and an other square A cheire and a stoyle.

In a white cheiste of wodd within the said Chambre

Sheites 6 pair thre table clothes of Drap Two towells and sem napkins Drap Thre fyne sheites 4 bredes A paire of blankettes 7 yard and thre quarters of chawngeable sarcinet A placarde A pair of forsleves of clothe of teishowe Two awlter clothes of sarcinet

with Image Thre paynted clothes A pillow of Down and a pillow bere Two pillowes of Damaske Two pillow beres of grene saten A Fringe of blew and red silke A daiger A pair of perfumed gloves and a shotinge glove.

In a cubborde within the said chambre

Thre Bittes two of them with bosses varnished A pair of Stirrops a pair of spurres guilt A Bottell kevered with black velvet and a pair of armyng showes.

Within the . . . dy . . . sent george.

DD 115/4/1

**NYNIAN STAVELEY OF RIPON PARK, ESQUIRE,
1559**

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum of two membranes measuring 7½ in. x 4 ft. 9 in.

Nynian Staveley, son and heir of John Staveley of Ripon Park, is listed in the 1546 rental of the prebend of Nunwick as paying 18s. 10d. per annum for lands in Stainley, and a further 4s. 9d. for lands in Staplehewick. Besides working these estates he also acted as Keeper of the King's woods at Ripon, being appointed to that position in 1545, and holding it until 1553. In his will, dated 28 January, 1558, and filed with this inventory in DD 115, he gave precise instructions as to how his various possessions were to be distributed, also requesting that his body be buried in the 'Churche of Rippon before the morowe masse alter where my ancestors hertofore haithen buried'.

The inventory shows that he farmed his lands at North Stainley and Bracken Hall extensively, but retained Ripon Park Lodge as his main residence.

THE INVENTORY of all the goods moveable and unmoveable lately of Nynian Staveley of Ripon Parke in the county of York esquire deceased and praised by John Loftous of Northleyes John Hodgson of Slenyngfurth Christopher Daie of Northlaywodd and Edwarde Hodgeson of Sutton Undercliffe the 27th daye of March Anno Dni 1559.

At North Staynley

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis at law house 15 oxen praised at 30s. a peice .	22	0	0
Item one yron bound wayne with Cowpes and . . . and all other thinges thereto belonging	2	13	4
Item one black whie	1	7	8
Item one litill white meare and a black fole praised .	1	6	0
Item in the laithe corne unthreshed in wheat and rye .	1	6	8
Item one Baie nagge	1	0	0
Item 6 quarters and 2 busshells of barley praised at 6s. 8d. a quarter	2	1	8
Item 2 quarters of haver praised at 4s. a quarter .		8	0
Item in the hall garthe 2 stottes	2	13	4
Item 21 stottes and whies at 18s. a peice	18	18	0
Item one stott		18	0
Item in the hall one quarter of haver malt		4	8
Item 3 quarters of wheate at 10s. 8d. a quarter .	1	12	0
Item one quarter of haver		4	0
Item 4 quarters of wheate and rye at 6s. 8d. a quarter .	1	6	0
Item one quarter and a half of Reid wheate at 9s. 4d. a qr.		14	0
Item one quarter of wheate		10	8
Item one quarter of barley		6	8
Item 3 quarters of wheate at 10s. 8d. a qr.	1	12	0
Item 6 bushells of wheate and rye at 10d. a bushel .		5	0
Item half a quarter of haver		2	0
Item 4 akers of land of wheite and rye in holte at 10s. an aker	2	0	0
Item in the laithe at hall corne unthreshed 2 quarters of wheate and rye at 6s. 8d. a qr.		13	4
Item 5 akers of land sawen with wheate in Rydding at 13s. 4d. an aker	3	6	8
Item 2 akers and a half of land sawen with peyse in Riddinges at 5s. 4d. an aker		13	4
Item 2 akers and a half of land sawen with haver in Riddinges at 4s. an aker		10	0
Item 3 akers of land sawen with haver in Cundall at 4s. an aker		12	0
Item 3 akers of land sawen with wheite in Castledyke at 13s. 4d. an aker	2	0	0
Item in Pennycroft 20 wedders at	4	0	0
Item 59 hogges at 40s. a score	5	18	0
Item 2 fillie fooles at 10s. a peice	1	0	0
Item 19 yonge cowtes at 13s. 4d. a peice	12	13	4
Sum	94	12	8

In the Greate Chambre

Imprimis one bedd stede with a fether bedd a paire of blanketts with a covering and hanginges with all other thinges thereto belonging	4	0	0
Item one trindle bedd wherein liethe one fedderbedd with blanketts and coveringes and all other thing thereto belonging	1	0	0
Item one litill fedder bedd and a covering	—		
Item one cownter	6	0	
Item one table with a frayme and formes thereto belonging	5	0	
Item one chaire	16	0	
Item 2 old chaires	12	0	
Item one litill crekett stole	4	0	
Item one litill forme	12	0	
Item one lang settle	2	0	
Item one presser	6	8	
Item one greate chist	5	0	
Item one chist carved	2	8	
Item one flanders chist	1	4	
Item 2 old long chistes	2	0	
Item 6 qwissinges	2	0	
Item 4 qwissinges of crewles	13	4	
Item 3 qwissing coveringes of crewles at 2s. 8 <i>d.</i> a peice	8	0	
Item 3 sheites of lynnyn	6	0	
Item 8 napkyns and 3 towells	4	0	
Item bord clothes praiased at	2	8	
Item 3 Jackes 2 paire of splentes and 2 salletts and a shiaf of arrowes	1	6	8
Item the hanginges of painted clothes in the said chambre	3	4	
Item in plaite	8	0	0
Item in money	10	0	0
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	Sum	27	18 0

In the Hye Chambre

Imprimis one bed sted wherein is a fetherbedd and blankettes	1	0	0
Item 2 old cownters	2	0	
Item one table and formes	1	0	
Item 3 quarters of barley at 6s. 8 <i>d.</i> a qr.	1	0	0
Item the hanginges of the chambre	2	0	
Item his apparell	5	0	0
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	Sum	7	5 0

In the Chapell Chambre

Imprimis 2 fedder bedds and other thinges thereto belonging	1	0	0
Sum	1	0	0

In the Kytchen

Imprimis one greate cawdron price	13	4	
Item 2 kettles at 5s. a peice	10	0	
Item 4 brass pottes	8	0	
Item 2 olde pannes and a basen	4	0	
Item 4 spyttes	4	0	
Item one paire of gallowes of yron and Reckans price	4	0	
Item one leyde and masfatt price	1	0	0
Item one bolting tinne a bowting trough a kymling with other husslement price	6	8	
Sum	3	10	0

In the Buttrie

Imprimis 16 bere fyrkyns 2 gyle fattes and dripping tubbes price	13	0	
Item 3 candlestykes of copper	4	0	
Item 7 plates at 8 <i>d.</i> a peice	4	8	
Item 5 dishes at 6 <i>d.</i> a peice	2	6	
Item 6 pottingers at 6 <i>d.</i> a peice	3	0	
Item 3 sawcers at 2 <i>d.</i> a peice		6	
Item a copper ladle		2	
Item 2 saltes of powder	1	0	
Item one frying panne		8	
Item one ewre of powder	1	0	
Item 3 chargers of powder 2s. a peice	6	0	
Item 5 plates of powder 16 <i>d.</i> a peice	6	0	
Item 2 litill dishes	1	4	
Item 2 sawcers		8	
Item 2 old cupbours and 2 old sheits	4	0	
Sum	2	9	8

In the Hall

Imprimis the land yrons cobyrons the gallowes of yron with reckans and briges and stomer	8	0	
Item one chaire		8	
Item 2 buffett stoles		6	
Item 2 cupbords a litill cownter and a litill table	5	0	
Item 2 long tables and formes belonging to them	3	4	

Item one dreping panne	8
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Sum	18 2
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In the Mylk House

Imprimis one spytt of yron	1 4
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Item one brandrethe and a pan	2 8
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Item on brasse pott	5 0
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Item 2 buffett stoles	6
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2 kynnes 2 cheisfattes one cheistroughe with all other hussilment there	3 0
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Sum	12 10
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At Brakan Hall in the Feildes there

Imprimis 5 score and 15 yowes with lambs lambd at 1s. a score	13 7 6
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Item 2 akers and a half of land sawen with wheate at Burton close at 13s. 4d. an aker	1 13 4
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Item one aker and a half of land sawen with wheate and rye in newcroft at 10s. an aker	15 0
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Item 2 akers of land sawen with wheate and rye in Law burton close at 10s. an aker	1 0 0
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Item half an aker of land sawen with wheate and rye in wagbraycan at	5 0
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Item 3 akers of land sawen with wheate and rye in litill close at 10s. an aker	1 10 0
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Item in Brakan more 20 hogges at 20d. a peice	1 10 4
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Item one white nagge one donne nagge one frayned mere one Bay mere at £3 a peice	12 0 0
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Item 4 younge horses and one meyre at 33s. 4d. a peice	6 13 4
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Item 10 kye stottes and whes at 23s. 4d. a peice	11 13 4
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Item in the grete close at Northlaies 4 oxen at 30s. a peice	6 0 0
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Item 11 kye with their calves in the grete close at North- laies at 26s. a peice	14 0 0
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Item in the said close 2 bulles at 20s. a peice	2 0 0
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Item in the said close 2 whies at 13s. 4d. a peice	1 6 8
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Item 20 hogges at 16d. a peice	1 6 8
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Item 2 younge horses at 26s. 8d. a peice	2 13 4
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Item one white meare	1 0 0
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Item one black nagge	1 0 0
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Item at Northlaies one yron bownd waine with yockes and teames and all things thereunto belonging with ploughe geyre	2 13 4
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Item grissell nagge	13 4
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Item at Northlaies in the laithes 4 quarters of wheate at 10s. 8 <i>d.</i> a quarter	2	2	8
Item at Northlaies 2 oxen at 22s. 8 <i>d.</i> a peice	1	13	4

Sum 400 13 4

In the Stable at Rippon Parke Lodge

Imprimis one bald baie gelding	4	0	0
Item one graie gelding	12	6	8
Item one baie nagge	1	6	8
Item 6 swyne at 2s. 8 <i>d.</i> a peice	16	0	

Sum 9 9 4

In the Litill Chamber

Imprimis 2 bedd steides and one covering and a coverlett	6	8	
Item one old cownter and a chaire	1	0	
Item 2 chistes	2	0	

Sum 9 8

In the Servauntes Chambre

Imprimis old mattresses and other things there	6	8	
Item flesh hanging of balkes	1	0	0

Sum 1 6 8

SUMMA TOTALIS 254 5 4

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**GEORGE VAVASOR OF SPALDINGTON, GENT.,
1561**

This inventory is written on a single membrane of vellum 27 in. x 6 in.

George Vavasor, son of Sir Peter Vavasor of Spaldington and Bubwith, was married to Anne or Anna, daughter and heiress of Robert Skipwith of Willitoft. By his will, dated 22 June, 1561, and proved at York on 30 September, 1561, George Vavasor left the majority of his effects to his wife, who continued to live at

Spaldington up to her death in 1570 when she was buried at Bubwith. Fortunately the inventories of both George and Anne have come into the Society's collections, allowing an interesting comparison to be made between the two (see p. 36).

It is firstly noticeable that, broadly speaking, both inventories are arranged in a similar manner, dealing with the livestock, barns, kiln, and household goods in that order. This might be due to the choice of assessors, for both Robert Ellys and Peter Clerke acted as executors for the two inventories. It will also be seen that Anne's inventory lists many more individual items than George's, despite the fact that her inventory of goods alone totals £183 11s. 3d., whereas his totals £232 10s. 0d., some £50 more. This cannot be explained by a general drop in the value of the goods, for most of the items listed in both inventories are assessed at a higher price in the later example, e.g.,

		1561	1570
A gilt salt and cover	12 oz.	40/-	60/-
A gilt goblet and cover	12 oz.	43/4	50/-
9 silver spoons	10 oz.	33/4	45/-

It would appear, therefore, that the accuracy of an inventory depends greatly upon the skill of those who drew it up, and hence it would be unwise to treat it as anything more than an approximate valuation agreed upon by a group of neighbours.

The Elizabethan hall at Spaldington was demolished in 1838, being replaced by the present building of brick and stone (SE 759334).

THIS INVENTORY maid of all the goods and Cattells moveable & unmoveable of George Vavasor Late off Spaldington gent Deceased prayesd by Robert White Robert Ellys Peter Clerke John Kempe.

	£	s.	d.
Inprimis in golde	48	15	10
Item in Mary grotes	4	0	0
Item in plate one salt (40/-) gilt weying 12 unces one goblet with a Cover (43/4) parcell gilt weying 12 unces 9 sylver spones (33/4) weying 10 unces .	5	16	8
Item 3 leasses	10	0	0
Item 5 yocke of oxen	16	13	4
Item 3 stagges	7	0	0
Item 12 horses wherof tew is mares	14	0	0
Item 4 stagges and one yeringe fole	4	0	0
Item 30 wether shepe	4	0	0
Item 30 yowes and lambes	3	10	0

Item 40 geld shepe	4	0	0
Item 14 kyne & one bull	16	0	0
Item 7 stottes and 2 bulles	6	13	4
Item 2 whyes	1	6	8
Item 6 styrkes & 4 spaynynge calves	3	0	0

Sum 138 15 10

The barnes at bubwith & spaldington and the garneres

Item in wheat & Rye 20 quarters	20	0	0
Item one beane stacke	3	6	8
Item malt in the garneres 17 quarters	9	0	0
Item Rye in the garneres 3 quarters	2	0	0
Item haver		3	4
Item beanes 4 quarters	2	0	0
Item for Dunge & Arders	1	6	8
Item the Croppe on the ground Corne & grasse	15	0	0

Sum 52 16 8

The yearde

Item 3 waynes 3 tombrells 2 ploughes 3 harrowes one Carte body with all the gere that belongs theym with ols wheles & other implements	5	0	0
Item 3 gang of felloughes 3 pair of naffes 15 Axle trees 2 plough beames & 2 mowde bordes	16	0	
Item one helme	10	0	
Item tymber woode trayes & other wood for fewell	2	0	0

Sum 7 6 0

The kylne

Item one stepefatt 1 kylne haire 1 Chese hecke 1 plank 16 Cheses & 1 tune	13	4	
Item 3 dung forkes 5 yron forkes	3	4	
Item one hand sawe 3 Axes 1 digge 1 whart saw 2 spaydes & 1 shovell	3	4	
Item 6 sythes	8	0	
Item 2 saddels & 2 bridels with geare	5	0	
Item Skelbuses & swyne troughes	3	4	
Item woll 10 stone at 5s. 8d. the stone	2	16	8
Item 3 stees or Ladders	2	0	
Item 1 grynde stone with the troughe	2	0	

Sum 4 17 0

The howse

Item one Counter	6	8
Item 3 Chares & 5 buffett stooles	9	0
Item 2 bords 1 short bord 3 formes 2 shorter formes 2 brakes one stone mortar and wood stooles	10	0
Item An almery	2	0
Item the hanginges & quysshinges	1	0
Item one paire of yron gallowes	3	4
Item 8 tyn spaines & 1 tyn pene		8

Sum 1 12 8
The bedd parlor

Item one sute of Apparell	4	0	0
Item the Rest of Apparell	2	0	0
Item one Cappe 2 hattes 2 daggers boites spures shoes his sword & buckler & 1 wood knyff	1	0	0
Item 5 Chistes 1 Arke & 1 Cupborde	10	0	
Item 12 paire of Lyn shetes	4	0	0
Item 20 pair of harden & semle shetes	3	12	0
Item in lynnyn harden & semle clothe	3	12	0
Item trundell bedd 1 fether bedd & 1 bedd Covering with other furnytur		12	0

Sum 18 15 0
The Chambre over the parlor

Item 3 Chistes	3	4
Item 1 kylne hayre	7	0
Item oyt meill 1 mett	4	0
Item brasen mortar 1 latten mortar with the pestels	4	0
Item wollen yarne 6 poundes	2	0
Item 4 heckles & other trasshelment	4	0
Item harnesse with bowes & Arrowes, 1 Crossebowe with other thinges	2	0

Sum 3 4 4
The buttry

Item 7 table Clothes	8	0
Item 3 Lyn towels	2	0
Item table napkyns	2	4
Item 10 Candlestickes	4	0
Item Drynkyng Cuppes		8
Item 1 grater & Cannes		10

Sum 17 10

The makes Chambre

Item one paire of bedd Stockes & 1 mattress	3	0
Item 1 Ark 2 kymnells 1 knedinge troughe 1 temse 1 meill syffe 1 bowt clothe 1 busshell skeppe 1 peck skeppe 1 half peck skeppe 2 syffes 1 spynnyng whele Cardes 2 maundes 1 Chirne 2 bordes 2 tressels four bottels	15	0
Sum	18	0

The Kytching

Item one pair of whearnes	4	0
Item 1 lead 1 maskfat 1 wort trough 1 gylefatt	1	0 0
Item 3 standes 1 tubbe 1 swyne tubbe 1 dishe bynke 1 molding bord 3 skeles 16 bowles 2 synkers 5 chesfatts with dyshes 1 Chesepresse 6 Dublers with hustlements	12	0
Item 2 Cawdrons 2 kettles & 4 pannes	15	0
Item 4 brasse pottes 2 posnettes	15	0
Item 4 spittes 1 paire of Cobyrons 1 Cressett 1 fryeng pan 2 brandrithes 1 gyrdyron 3 bord knyves & 2 Chopping knives	6	8
Item 5 bacon flickes & 2 beoffe Flickes	10	0
Item tyle & aile pottes	3	0
Item 10 old swyne	1	13 4
Item 6 younge holdinge pigges	9	0
Item pullen about the garth	9	0
Item 19 gees	8	0
Item an old lead	3	4
Item pewther vessell & 2 saltes	1	13 4
Item 2 lavers 1 Chaffyng Dishe & 1 basen	6	8
Sum	9	8 4

The men servantes Chambre

Item the hangyng for 1 bedd	1	4
Item 2 bed Coveringes	12	0
Item 5 Coverlettes	10	0
Item one bedde 3 Coverlettes 1 bowster & bedd stocke	5	0
Item one other bedd with 4 Coverlettes	8	0
Item 1 bord	1	0
Item seckes and servantes beddes	10	0
Item 4 tymbre trees at bubwith	13	4
Sum	3	0 8

Debtes owinge to the said George Vavasor

Inprimis of his Nevewe peter Vavasor by his father inventory	20	0	0
Item of the same peter for the redemyng of Edward Vavasor brother to the said peter	20	0	0
Item of the same peter for 2 Anngels at laytham Laid Downe for the light horse	1	0	0
Item of Mary Syster to the said george Vasasor	23	6	8
Item of Ambrose Clerke	1	13	4
Item of symon baddy	1	10	0
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	Sum	67	10 0
	SUM TOTAL	310	2 4

Debtes that the said Georg Vavasor doth owe

Inprimis to thomas Langdale as appereth by his bills	4	6	8
Item to henry vasasor his brother	13	6	8
Item to william vavasor his brother	2	10	0
Item to Peter Elizabeth & Katherine Vavasor the Childer of the said George Vavasour in money to their bequest by their grandfather	10	0	0
Item for Repa	2	0	0
Item For the Lordes Rent	5	16	4
Item in servantes Wagies	2	0	0
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	Sum	39	9 8
And so Remayneth there the Debtes Deduct	270	12	8

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JOHN THORNHILL OF FIXBY, ESQUIRE, 1567

This inventory is written on a vellum roll $6\frac{1}{4}$ in. x $24\frac{3}{4}$ in.

John Thornhill, son of John Thornhill of Fixby and Toothill and Jennet, daughter of Nicholas Savile of New Hall, Elland, was the collector of tenths and fifteenths in the wapentakes of Staincliffe and Ewcross 37 Henry VIII (1545). He married Elisabeth,

daughter of Thomas Grice of Sandal, by whom he had nine children, including Richard whose inventory is given on p. 57. At his death, he was buried in Elland parish church on 27 April, 1567, his will, dated 22 April, 1657, being proved at York on 19 July following. Perhaps the most interesting feature of this inventory is the accompanying list (DD 12/ 23/24 Clarke-Thornhill) on p. 19 which divides the contents of the whole inventory into two of the usual three parts. Such lists were necessary when one-third was allotted to the wife, one-third to the children, and the remaining third, or death part, to the executors for legacies and funeral expenses. The inventory of Mrs Elisabeth Thornhill, John's widow, is given on p. 54.

Fixby Hall (SE 132195), the house referred to in this inventory, was entirely rebuilt in the mid eighteenth century, and so no comparisons with this document are possible.

THE INVENTORYE of all the goodes and cattaylles of John Thornhill of fixebie Esquire late Deceased prised the 27th Daie of May in the yere of our lorde god 1567 by Richard Aynelay John wodde Edmundede broke and George broke as hereafter followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Inprimis his girdle purse and money therein	1	8	0
And his apparell	6	0	0
Sum £7 8 0			

In the hall

Item fyve thrawne chaires & thre other chayres	3	0	
Item two buffett fowremes & fowre buffett stooles	1	8	
Item two Dozen & a halfe of quishinges	1	2	0
Item fowre table clothes of wollen	13	4	
Item one Counter & one cuppborde	1	8	4
Sum £3 13 4			

In the parlor

Item one cuppeborde one buffet fowreme and two stooles	10	0	
Item two chistes with a table	3	4	
Item a candeles tallowe and swyne grease seven stone	14	0	
Item one bedde cover with a cownter clothe	2	6	8
Item one chese troughe & two great Dowblers	2	0	
£3 16 0			

In the over chambers

Item one table one cuppborde & one chiste	12	0	
Item one stand bedde with all thinges perteyninge there- unto	2	13	4

Item two thrawne beddes with a fether bedde and two matteresses & a tronell bedde & two bolsters . . .	2	0	0
Item one fether bedde ticke	10	0	
Item fowre bolsters & sixe pillowes	4	0	
Sum £5 19 4			

In the buttrie

Item two garnishe of vessell in either 12 Dowblers 12 dishes 12 sawcers one great charger 8 podyngers 16 counterfettes 12 dowblers 14 dishes thre sawcers two pewther baysinges and fyve saltes	5	14	4
Item Sixe Sylver spoynes	1	10	0
Item thre basinges & one ewer	7	0	
Item fyve arkes & thre cupbordes	2	0	0
Item two knedyng tubbes one skeppe thre great Cowles one grayter & one table	4	0	
Item one brasen mortar & a pestell	3	4	
Item one galon of hony	2	4	
Item tenne Dosen of trenchers two flaskettes & a musterd barrell	2	0	
Item one Dosen of bordclothes whereof two of Dyap & one Dosen & a half of napkins whereof 12 are Dyap .	1	0	0
Item 14 towells & one of Dyap	13	4	
Item seven harden towels & fyve bordclothes	3	0	
Item tenne latten candlestickes two chawfinge Dishes & one pott for one of them	12	0	
Item foure covered cuppes & 24 wodde cuppes	2	8	
Item fyve saltes	1	8	
Sum £12 15 8			

In the brewe howse

Item fowre fattes fyve standes with their coveres 17 ayle pottes one masse fatte one kynnell a stepinge tubbe & their coveres two knedinge troughes & one old tubbe	1	0	0
Item Fawre Syves one stroke halfe a pecke 14 seckes & one windowe clothe	10	0	
Sum £1 10 0			

In the mylke howse

Item one kitt thre piggins one cherne with a cover fowre cannes 12 bowles one syle fyve payre of butter dishes 6 chesefattes one chese presse	2	0	0
Sum £2			

In the Nether chamber

Item one plate cote one styched Tacke two Salletts one gorgett one payre of chaynes one bowe & one chase of arowes	1	6	8
Item one stand bedde one fether bedde & one matteresse	1	6	8
Item one fether bedde & a bolster	1	0	0
Item thre tables & the paynted clothes in the said chamber	5	0	
Item fyve tewed foxe Skynnes & two otter Skynnes & fowre fowmared Skynnes	2	0	0
Item two payre of bedstockes & one greate chiste	5	0	
Item 14 payre of harden shetes	14	6	
Item 11 payre of sameron shetes 13 pillowbeares	1	3	0
Item neyne payre of lynne shetes & one odde shete	1	9	8
Item 25 wodde cuppes 30 wodde dowblers 12 payre of coffyns thre Syles & 18 bowles	6	8	
Item neyne coverlettes & one hillinge in the said chamber	3	0	0
Item seaven worse coverlettes	1	6	8
Item 15 blankettes	1	10	0
Sum £13 16 10			

In the kitchyne

Item fowre brasse pottes one possenett & fowre great pannes fowre litle pannes and two little priggs	3	16	0
Item fowre spittes two Iron Rackes one gyrde Iron one Fryinge panne two drippinge pannes one chymney three brandrethes one payre of Tonges one strykinge kynfe fowre flaskes two choppinge knyves three kittes one payre of kilpes one fleshe hooke & two latten ladles	2	6	8
Item 17 beafe flakes & fower baycon flakes	3	0	0
Sum £9 3 4			

Corne in the feild

Item Rye in the feild	13	6	8
Item otes in the feild	13	6	8
Sum £26 13 4			

In the kylne howse

Item one hayre clothe	3	4	
Item two tanned hides	12	0	
Item thre plowes thre axell trees certayne felkes with other tymber belonginge to husbandre one payre of wayne Raythes & fowre waynes	2	0	0
Sum £2 15 4			

Cattayle att grasse

Item tenne draught oxen	16	0	
Item Six stottes undrawn of fowre yere	7	0	0
Item thre yonger stottes of thre yeres old	3	0	0
Item 13 kye and a bull whereof Sixe haithe calves	16	0	0
Item Sixe yearinge calves	2	13	4
Item thre stottes & two hossers of two yeres old	7	6	8

Sum £52

Horses

Item one old white mayre	2	0	0
Item one fyllie of two yeres old one blacke mayre with a yearinge foole & two other yonge mayres	5	13	4

Sum £7 13 4

Swyne

Item fowre old swyne & fowre yonge	1	10	6
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Sum do.

Shepe

Item one hundreth of wethers	28	0	0
Item hogges & yeld shepe 38	5	13	4
Item ewes and lambes 46	9	13	4

Sum £43 6 8

Corne in the barne

Item Rye by estymacion tenne quarters	5	10	0
Item one lode of haie	3	4	
Item manoer in the folde	16	0	
Item Shillinge seld at the mylne	4	18	4
Item gold & silver in one chiste in the Chamber	19	0	0

Sum £30 7 8

Sum of the goods and cattells	222	17	6
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Debted owinge unto the said testator the daie of his death

Imprimis John Aynelay merchant	10	0	
Item Richard broke wife of Clyffe for seede	10	0	
Item Jennett Bainestre wyf of william Bainestre in lente money	1	0	0
Item Thomas Townend for seede	5	0	
Item John Saivile of welburne	5	0	
Item George helywell	2	8	
Item the said George	1	17	8
Item Richard gibson for the mylne rent	3	0	0

Item Thomas Thornehill	3	0	0
Item the said Thomas my brother Richard and Edmond longwoode	15	8	
Item John fox of Tutell younger	5	2	
Item Richard Jagger	1	10	0
Item Thomas broke of fixebie cote for woll	4	10	0
Item James Dyson laite of bothom fall	1	7	0
Item wiff of william ashe		10	
Item Thomas Thorpe	2	4	
Item John Armytage	5	0	
Item Thomas saivile of boland for 24 lodes of slate stone	1	0	0
Item Thomas brokebank £7 whereof is to pay			
Item Thomas saivile of aynelay £10 wherof is to pay	13	4	
Item John Ratclif	18	0	
Item Richard Mershe	13	4	
Item my mother Thornehill in lent money	7	8	
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	Sum	24	6 8

Desparate Dettes owinge unto the testator

Item Roberte foxe for the grosse of one	10	0	
Item Edward malynson of the broke bothe	2	6	
Item Robert stockes of byston	6	8	
Item James Houghe	3	0	
Item the wif of Robert malynson	1	7	
Item Roger Shawe for the rent of grine stone	2	0	
Item the same Roger for a mell of Rye	3	4	
Item adam hirste	2	6	
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	Sum	1	2 5

Debtes that the said testator did owe the daie of his Deathe

Inprimis unto Robert watterhowse for the tythe corne of the lordshippe of fixebie	10	0	
Item to the said Robert for tythe wolfe & lambe	12	10	
Item for spice to John wateman	5	2	
Item to homfray broke for a plate cote	19	0	
Item to Thomas Thornehill for wheate & a capcace byinge	7	6	
Item John Savile of bradley for a brawne	8	0	
Item for the tannynge of one oxe hide	3	4	
Item to Edmund Longwodde for a quarter of pease	9	0	
Item to Richard Stead for half a yeres waige	12	0	
Item to william stanycliff for half a yeres waige	6	8	

Item to James Nullaive for half a yeares waige . . .	8	0
Item of william foxe for half a yeres waige . . .	8	8
Item to Richard Jagger for worke . . .	9	0
Item to Edmunde aske	10	6 9

Sum 18 7 9

Sum total with debts deducted 229 18 8

Seen and examined by me George Clarke, Deacon.

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This list is written on paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, measuring $7\frac{3}{4}$ in. x 12 in.

A note Indented & made the thirde Day of June In the yere of our Lord god 1567 of all the gudes within the howse Which Doth belong unto Mrs Elezabeth Thornehill Wydowe for her parte & her executors parte as hereafter folloithe.

Inprimis 2 of the best brasse potes 3 litle pannes & one mydlinge panne a fleshehoke a latyne Ladill a Latyne scomer a brolinge yron a fryinge panne a great spitte a strikinge knyfe one coveryd cuppe 4 stone cuppes 2 wodcans a fether bedde a bolster 2 table clothes a Lynnay bordcloithe a matterys 2 boulsteres a pillowe 4 coverletes a hillinge 4 blankettes 2 sylver spones 3 bedclothes 7 . . . 4 napkyns 7 payre of hardyn sheites 4 payre of Lynnyne sheites 3 pillowe beares 10 quissinges 8 sawcers 3 potegers 13 plattes 8 newe pewther dishes & other Dishes a pewter basynge 5 counter fetes a sawcer 3 candlestickes a litle salte 2 dozen 9 trenchers a thrawne chaire a buffet forme a backydchayre & a wodstole

for executors parte

A chayre a fedder bedde a bolster 2 of the best quissinges 3 sawcers a counterfet 3 pewter dishes 2 newe chargers a basinge for an ewer one of the best candlestickes 3 hardeyne sheites one Lynnen sheite 2 napkyns 4 bordclothes & a blankyt

for part of the cattell shepe & horse which are the executors part

Inprimis two kye, that is to say a dune & a red with a white head, one draught oxe put to fede A gray Amblynge meare one

cupbord in the parlor and one great arke In the buttre 53 olde shepe whereof sex put to fede.

A note of suche vessell goodes as the above said Elizabeth Thornehill hath Remayninge in her howse at Totehill of the goodes above specified the 13th day of february Anno 1575 and the 18th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

First 7 platteres 9 pewther dishes (7 doblers & 2 dishes) 4 Counterfettes 3 brode pottegers 8 sawceres one basynge for an Ewre one hand basynge. . . .

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THOMAS, LORD WHARTON OF HEALAUGH, 1568

This inventory is written on a vellum roll of five membranes and measures $8\frac{1}{4}$ in. x 12 ft. $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Thomas, Lord Wharton, represents a fine example of one of the 'new' men relied upon by the Tudors for their success.¹ Born into the minor gentry c. 1495, he commenced his highly successful military career by joining various raiding expeditions against the Scots in the early 1520s. For these services he was both knighted at Windsor in 1527 and also appointed sheriff of Cumberland two years later in 1529. Following the dissolution of the minor religious houses in 1535-6, he obtained the lease of the priory and church of Healaugh Park. Probably realising that further grants might be made if the dissolution continued, he decided to support the King throughout the Pilgrimage of Grace, escaping to join the King's forces under the Duke of Norfolk when the rebels marched on his house at Kirkby Stephen. This show of loyalty was soon acknowledged, for, by a licence granted in 1540, he was able to obtain the priory buildings of Healaugh together with the majority of the priory lands, and the rectory and advowson of the vicarage of Healaugh. For the next few years he was mainly concerned with border affairs, acting as Warden of the Marches, Captain of Cockermouth castle, and also being responsible for the burning of Dumfries in 1542 and the great Scottish defeat

¹ See *The Dictionary of National Biography* for further details.

of Solway Moss, the latter campaign in particular leading to his elevation to the peerage in 1543-4. The remainder of his life appears to have been largely concerned with political affairs, serving in the parliaments of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Mary I, until his death at Healaugh on 22 September, 1568, his grave being covered by an impressive monument bearing life-sized recumbent effigies of himself and his two wives on top of an elaborate heraldic tomb-chest.

As might be expected, Lord Wharton's house at Healaugh was furnished in the most sumptuous manner, the wealth of its contents requiring quite an unusual layout for the inventory.

The first section deals with the hangings, some of which reached the amazing length of 87 feet. Most of these were of brankish, but finer examples of Arras and of a figured tapestry illustrating religious subjects were also listed. Next follow the carpets, the quilts and counterpanes, and the testers, beds, and bedding. The latter section is of the greatest interest, for Lord Wharton's heraldic bed-hangings were of an outstanding magnificence. Three sets bear his personal arms of sable, a manche argent within a border or, an orle of lions gambes erased in saltire gules (the border being an augmentation granted by Edward VI) crest; a bull's head erased argent. A further set bore both the manche and a lion, possibly commemorating his first marriage on 4 July, 1518, to Eleanor, daughter of Sir Bryan Stapleton of Wighill (arms; azure, a lion rampant sable), while another bore the manche and talbots, commemorating his second marriage to Anne, second daughter of Francis Talbot, 5th earl of Shrewsbury (arms; azure, a lion rampant sable, crest; a talbot) whom he married on 18 November, 1561. Two further sets of hangings were made for his daughter Joan, who married William Pennington of Cumberland. These bore the manche and Pennington's arms and the bull's heads and Pennington's arms respectively.

The inventory then goes on to list the cushions and the silver, both of which bore Lord Wharton's heraldic motifs. The silver is given a particularly detailed description, some pieces even having their silver marks recorded. The 'Standing Cuppe with a cover gilt and within the cover the lionne and libarde face', for example, must have been made in London (mark; a leopard's head crowned) sometime after 1545 when the lion passant began to be stamped on to all pieces of newly-made sterling silver. Another piece, a gilt standing cup with a cover on which were 'the Scottishe Kinges Armes' might well have been acquired on one of his Scottish campaigns. Other marks, such as 'a man with a target and powlle

Axe in his hand' were presumably maker's marks, as these were never used by the assay offices. Next follow details of the linen, furniture, kitchen equipment, apparel, and the 'Apparell for the revells', the latter consisting of an assortment of gowns, false beards, wooden swords, drums and theatrical costume, all evidence of a high standard of entertainment. The inventory then deals



Healaugh Manor East.

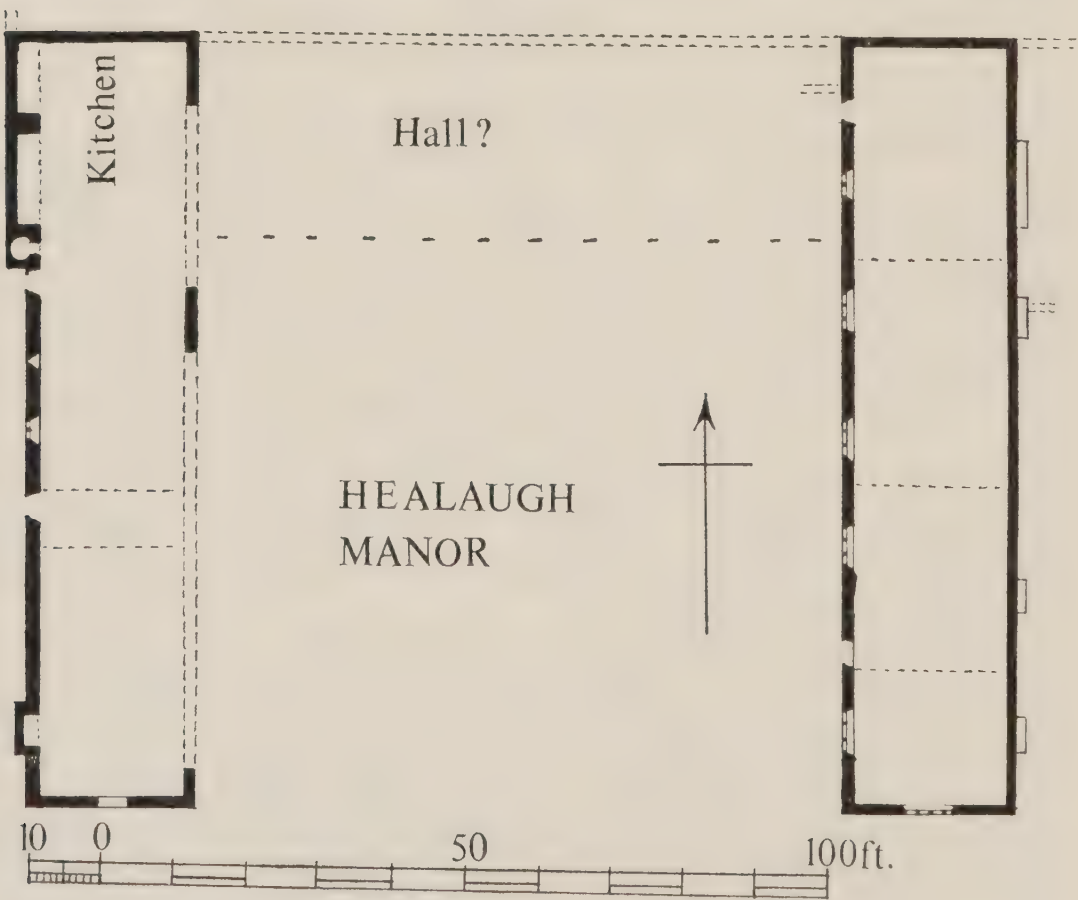


FIG. 1. HEALAUGH MANOR

Probably reconstructed by Lord Wharton in the mid sixteenth century from the remains of the Priory buildings. The structure is of fine magnesian limestone ashlar, and contains much re-used material including a section of a prior's tombstone as its doorstep, and a number of fourteenth century corbels.

with the contents of the wardrobe, apparently a room rather than a piece of furniture, in which were stored Lord Wharton's harness, saddle cloths, and travelling equipment garnished with gold, silver, and silk, as befitted his rank. This section concludes the furnishings of the house itself, as the remainder of the inventory deals with the outbuildings, which, although well equipped, contained little more than those of the contemporary gentry.

When Lord Wharton received the priory of Healaugh he apparently demolished most of the existing buildings on the site, re-using the stone to erect a large mansion in their stead. Of this building (SE 486464) two wings remain, one forming the barn of Healaugh manor west, and the other forming Healaugh manor east, their respective positions suggesting that a further major wing connected their north ends to form a three-sided courtyard c. 90 ft. square (see Fig. 1). The present east wing still stands in its original condition, with fine magnesian limestone ashlar walls, battlemented eaves, and flat arched windows with square labels typical of the mid sixteenth century. From the east wall of this wing four chimney-stacks are corbelled out at first-floor level, suggesting a number of smaller rooms here which were probably used as minor bedchambers. The west wing, meanwhile, was largely reconstructed during the eighteenth century, but fortunately its original west wall remains almost intact. It is of two storeys, the lower one being built as a kitchen, with an oven arch and two fireplaces 11 and 13½ ft. wide respectively at its north end, while the upper one served as spacious state chambers, probably being the rooms identified as 'My Lordes bedchambre' and the 'Dinenge Chambre' in the inventory.

AN INVENTORIE of all the hanginges bedds Plate howsholde goodes and Cattells at helawgh in Seiningthwaite wherof Thomas Wharton Knight Lorde Whartone Died possessed tayken valewed and praised by John Habarte Andrewe Oglebby John Moore esquiere and Oswalde Wilkinson gent the 13th and 14th Daies of September 1568. 10 Elizabeth I.

Hanginges

£ s. d.

FIRST IN MY LORDES bedchambre thre pecis of hanginges of Brankishe bowght at Londone by Richard Thistelwhayte.

Item in the Dinenge Chambre next my lordes bed

Chambre six pecis of hanginge of Brankishe bowght at Londone by Richard Thistelwhayte . . .

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Item in the chapell Closes thre olde pecis of hanginge of Brankishe lyned	3	0	0
Item in the chapell thre litell olde pecis of hanginge of Brankishe partie lined	1	0	0
Item in the utter great Chambre six pecis of hanginge of Brankishe in lenght 21 yardes one quarter, and in Depth 3 yardes 3 quarters	16	0	0
Item in the Inner great Chambre seven pere of hanginges of tapastrie In lenght 25 yerdes and in Depth 3 yardes one quarter	20	0	0
Item in the litell Chambre by the Cesses two pere of hanginges of tapastrie in lenght 15 yardes and in Depth 2 yardes 3 quarters	9	0	0
Item in the Chambre at the Staire head fyve pecis of hanginges of Brankishe In lenght 14 yardes and in depth 3 yards one quarter	4	0	0
Item in the great bedchambre fyve pecis of hanginge of tappestrie in Lenght 29 yardes and in Depth 3 yardes	16	0	0
Item in the 3rd Chambre whear my lorde nowe liethe fyve pecis of hanginge of brankishe in Lenght 17 yardes and in depth 3 yardes	5	0	0
Item in the Dinging Chambre at the hawlle ende 8 pere of hanginges in lenght 24 yardes and in Depth 3 yardes 3 quarters	12	10	0
Item in the hawlle one pere of hanginges of Arrase lined In lenght 9 yardes one quarter and in Depthe 3 yardes and a half	3	6	8
Item in the Wardroppe pecis of hanginges of Brankishe olde	1	0	0
Item two pecis of hanginges of the historie of David and of the Salutacone of our ladie In lenght 10 yardes and in Depthe 3 yardes 3 quarters	6	0	0
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Carpettes

FIRST one Longe turkey Carpet	5	0	0
Item 7 litell turkey Carpets	2	6	8
Item two Carpettes of Croille nedle work	1	10	0
Item 6 Carpettes of brankishe whereof 4 are Longe	6	0	0
Item 3 olde kentish Carpets and 8 Cubbord clothes	10	0	
Item twoe long Carpettes of yearne Cloth	1	0	0
Item fyve litell Carpettes of olde yearne Cloth	10	0	
	<hr/> Sum 16 16 8		

Quiltes and Counterpointes

FIRST one quilt of pourpell Satten	5	0	0
Item twoe quiltes of yellowe Sarsenet	1	6	8
Item a quilt of olde red and yellowe Sarsenet	10	0	
Item a quilt of Black velvet yellowe and red taffetay with my Lordes Armes in the midst	1	0	0
Item a quilt of orange color Satten abridges	1	5	0
Item a quilt of blowe Satten abridges	1	5	0
Item a Cownterpointe of black velvet	8	0	0
Item a Cownterpointe of murray Cloth	1	10	0
Item 36 Cownterpointes of brankish wherof 13 verey well warne and tornne 8 of better sorte And tenn of the best Sorte	10	5	0
Item one great Cownterpointe of Nabingodonor	5	0	0
Sum	33	16	8

Testurs, Beddes and Bedding

FIRST A testor of Russet velvet tinsell fringed with Russet Silke and golde with 3 Curtaines of Russet taffetay to the same	6	13	4
Item A Testure of yellowe clothe of gold fringed with yellowe Silke with my lordes Armes at the head and middest of the same. And also 8 Bull heads upone the vallans with 6 Curtans of yellowe Sarsenet	6	0	0
Item a testure of tinsell velvet and Clothe of golde with my lordes armes at the bed head fringed with blacke and yellowe Silke and six Curtaines of yellowe Silk to the same	1	13	4
Item a testure of Redd and yellowe velvet fugre fringed with red grene and yellowe Silke with fyve Curtans of red and yellow Sarsenet	2	10	0
Item an olde testure of Black velvet Black satten and yellowe Damaske fringed with black and yellowe Silke with two mawnske and Imbrothered upone the same with six Curtens of yellowe Sarsenet to the same	2	0	0
Item a testure of black velvet Red and White Satten fringed with red white and black Silke with 3 Curtaines of red and white Sarsenet	6	0	0
Item a testure of olde twaney velvet with lace of golde laide upon 2 of the panes with a lion and mawnske upone the same fringed with red and black silke with Six Curtens of grene yellowe Sarsenet	1	6	8

Item a testure of black velvet and russet taffetay with the mawnske and penyngtons armes upon the same fringed with black and russet Silke	10	0	
Item a testure of blacke velvet and tawney Damaske Fringed with black and Russet Silke	6	8	
Item an olde testure with two panes of blacke and Russet Damaske, one pane of black velvet and one of black Sattane with the mawnske, Bulles head and peningtons armes upone the same with 2 Curtanes of black buckrame	13	4	
Item a testure of Black velvet Imbrothered with my lords armes at the head and middest fringed with Black Silke and Talbottes upon the valance with 3 Curtanes of Black Damaske	[erased]		
Item an olde Testure of blacke velvet and yellowe Damaske with thre olde broken Curtans of Russet [erasure] not serviceable	13	4	
Item a testure with two panes of Tawney Damaske and two panes of blacke Damaske and of Blacke velvet fringed with 3 Curtans of mockaydowe	1	13	4
Item a testure of tawney black and Russet Damaske with the mawnske and penningtons armes upone the same with 3 Curtans of mackado	1	10	0
Item a testure of Murray Clothe fringed with Murray Silke and 3 Curtans of murray Clothe	4	10	0
Item a testure of redde Clothe with 3 Curtans of Redd Clothe to the same	2	10	0
Item two testures of redde and grene Saye with 6 Curtans of the same	1	6	8
Item an olde sparver of Donex not Serviceable	nihil		
Item Curtans of Mockadowe for one bedd 3 Curtans		9	0
Item 45 featherbeddes with Bolsters to the same	40	0	0
Item 15 beddes of Downe with their bowsters at 6os. to pece	45	0	0
Item fine matteresses 9 wherof thre ar olde and some what broken	2	0	0
Item Cowerse matteresses 26 with 6 bowstars to the same	2	6	8
Item 12 pare of Fustians wherof fyve pare Broken and sore worne	3	0	0
Item Pillowes of Downe 17	3	6	8
Item a litell quilt of linclothe which was maide for my lordes Back		2	0
Item 73 Coverlettes good and well	6	13	4

Item Blankettes 47 paires and a half better and worsse	8	0	0
Item 3 Pares of haxxinges	13	4	
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Sum	147	17	8

Quisshions

FIRST one Longe quishinge the one side white Satten tynsell & the other side white Damaske	10	0	
Item one Longe quishinge of Crimeson velvet fugrie both linned with red Satten abridge	13	4	
Item 3 Longe quishinges with 2 panes of Crimsen Satten and one pane of Cloth of golde	1	10	0
Item 2 Long quishinges with one pane of Crimsen Satten and 2 panes of black velvet	10	0	
Item a Longe quishinge of Clothe of golde bothamed with redd Satten abridge	10	0	
Item one Long quishinge of Cowess Cloth of golde	2	6	
Item towe olde quishinges of backe velvet bothamed with black Damaske	8	0	
Item twoe old quishinges of black wrought velvet	5	0	
Item one olde quishinge with towe panes of black Velvet and one of tawney, laide upone with lace of golde	1	0	
Item 3 olde worne quishinges with twoe paynes of tawney Satten an done of black velvet	5	0	
Item one square quishinge of black Damask	1	0	
Item one olde Red quishing with a bulls head upone yt of tawney Damaske not serviceable		6	
Item one square quishing of wrought velvet bothamed with Fustiane		8	
Item one Long quishing of Silke nedle worke bothamed with Crymsen Satten	16	0	
Item 2 quishinges of black velvet fugrye bothamed with olde velvet	6	8	
Item 3 olde quishinges of black velvet one bothamed with Damaske one with olde velvet and one with Mockadowe	6	0	
Item one Longe quishing of Silke nedle worke with a bull head in the midst	3	4	
Item one Longe quishing of Silke nedle worke with a mawnske in the midst	4	0	
Item one square quishing of Silke nedle work with a Roose in the midst	2	6	

Item one square quishinge of silke nedell work with a mawnske and a Lione in the midst	2	6	
Item one litel square quishing of silke nedell worke with the sepulture upone yt	2	6	
Item tenne litell square quishinges of Crewlle nedle worke	1	0	0
Item 29 quishinges of brankishe	2	10	0
Item one quishing Carpet worke with 2 Bull headdes upone the same	16	0	
Item A Long quishing of olde tawney velvet bothamed with olde Satten abridge	6	8	
Item an olde quishinge of red & white Damaske			
Sum	10	18	4

Playte

FIRST one helmet gilt and graven unces 45 at 5s. 4d. to Unce	12	0	0
Item A Standing Cuppe with a cover gilt and upone the toppe of the cover the Scottishe Kinges Armes unces 24 thre quarters 5s. the unce	6	3	9
Item a Standing Cuppe gilt with a Cover and within the cover the lione and libarde face 16 unces at 5s. the unce	4	0	0
Item a neste of great Bowles gilt with a cover and my lordes Armes upone the toppe of the cover and in the bothame of evrye Bowlle A face 5 score unces at 5s. 4d. the unce	26	13	4
Item a white rownde Bowle with a cover and in the toppe of the Cover [erasure] 16 unces at 4s. 6d. the unce	3	14	3
Item a neste of gilt bowlls with a cover and in the toppe of the cover a man with a target and powlle Axe in his hand 68 unces At 5s. 8d. the unce	19	5	4
Item a gilte Bowlle with a Cover and upone the toppe of the Cover One Ringe a Crosse by estimatione 28 unces at 5s. 8d. the unce	7	9	4
Item towe Cannes gilte unces 44 at 5s. 6d. the unce	16	10	0
Item one Canne of Alleblaster 16 unces			
Item on nest of white bowlls with a Cover and upone the toppe of the Cover a Crosse Ringe 73 unces at 4s. 8d. the unce	17	0	8
Item 2 lyverey pottes gilte with bulls head upone the Cover unces 75 at 5s. 4d. the unce	20	2	8

Item towe lesse lyverey pottes gilt unces 67 at 5s. the unce	16	15	0
Item towe lyverey pottes parcell gilt with my Lordes armes upone the revers unces 80 at 4s. 6d. the unce	18	0	0
Item a turine [?] with 8 pecis in the same parcell gilt 68 unces at 4s. 8d. the unce	15	17	4
Item a laver for water with a Cover fastened & in the toppe of the cover the lien 15 unces at 5s. 4d. the unce	4	0	0
Item a Spice boxe having 6 Divisiones with a grater unces 38 at 4s. 6d. the unce	8	11	0
Item a chaffing Dishe with ringe 42 unces at 4s. 6d. le unce	9	9	0
Item a Casting bottell with the lion And mawnske upon the same unces at 5s. le unce	17	6	
Item one litell salt with a pepper boxe in thend 9 unces 3 quarters at 5s. le unce	2	8	9
Item A perfume boxe with a cheane 4 unces at 4s. 8d. le unce	18	8	
Item 7 Dishes of silver fyve score twoe unces at 4s. 8d. le unce	23	18	4
Item six sawsers of silver 31 unces at 4s. le unce	7	4	8
Item A basing an Ewre gilte 65 unces At 5s. 4d. le unce	17	6	8
Item 3 Basinges and Ewres parcell gilt with my lordes Armes upone the same, one Ewre lacking a cover 9 score 11 unces at 4s. 8d. le unce	44	18	4
Item A great Basing and Ewre for a barbor 5 score 2 unces at 4s. 6d. le unce	23	1	3
Item a Candlesticke with bull headdes upone the same 6 score 12 unces at 4s. 6d. le unce	29	16	3
Item two Standing saltes gilte fowre squared with a Cover 38 unces at 5s. le unce	9	12	6
Item 2 Saltes, squared gilt with a Cover 32 unces at 5s. le unce	8	0	0
Item towe white Rownde Saltes 31 unces at 4s. 6d. le unce	6	19	6
Item 26 playtes parcell gilt with the bulls head upone the same 9 score 4 unces at 4s. 8d. le unce	42	18	8
Item towe gilte spones with the bulls head on the endes foure unces at 5s. le unce	1	0	0
Item one Dosane of Spones gilte 17 unces at 4s. 8d. le unce	4	1	8
Item tow white spones with a mawnske on the endes 3 unces	14	0	

Item A gilte Cuppe with a Cover and handle and in the toppe of the cover a womans face 15 unces at 5s. le unce	3	17	6
Item an other gilte Cuppe with a Cover and handell 13 unces at 5s. le unce	3	7	6
Item a tostinge forke 3 quarters	3	6	
Item one Dosane white spones with helmettes on the ende 17 unces at 4s. 6d. le unce £2 11s. 4d. [this figure crossed out and replaced by: in red ink]	6	1	6
Item 8 [?] gilt spone- 2 unces at 4s. 10d. [?] le unce [this line inserted in faded red ink]	2	11	4
Item two white Flagons uncez 6 score 16 unces at 4s. 6d. le unce	28	12	0
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Sum	473	9	10

Napprie and Lynnen

FIRST 8 table clothes of Damaske	14	0	0
Item 6 towells of Damaske	3	0	0
Item foure Cubborde clothes of Damaske	1	6	8
Item 6 Dosane of Damaske napkinges laking one	3	0	0
Item 3 table Clothes of Drap	1	10	0
Item 3 towells of draper	10	0	
Item 3 Dosane of Drapar	1	0	0
Item foure table clothes of hollande	1	13	4
Item fyve towells of hollande	13	4	
Item ten Cubbord Clothes of hollande	13	4	
Item six dosane of playne napkyns sore worne	1	0	0
Item 8 table clothes for the hawlle sore worne	10	0	
Item 3 payre and one shete of fyne shetes of 3 bredes	4	0	0
Item 2 payre of shetes of 2 bredes and a half	1	10	0
Item 12 paire of shetes of 2 bredes	4	0	0
Item 40 paire of ordinarye shetes lacking one shete for Servantes	4	10	0
Item 12 pillowe bears	12	0	
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Sum	53	8	8

Chares Stoles and Formes

FIRST one Chayre the seat and backe of Crymsen velvet embrodered with golde and a bulles head of Sylver upone the same	1	0	0
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Item one olde broken Chare the seat and backe Crymsen velvet	3	4	
Item a Chare the seat and backe white Satten tynsell	13	4	
Item fyve Chares covered with Red clothe	2	10	0
Item twoe olde Chares covered with grene Clothe	6	0	
Item one lowe backte chare the seat and bakk blacke velvet	3	4	
Item thre Chares of walnut tree	6	0	
Item thre throwne Chares of Asshe	2	6	
Item fyve buffet Stolles wherof 4 covered with Damask one with croylle nedle worke	16	8	
Item 8 olde Close stooles with 6 pannes	16	0	
Item 51 buffet stoles	1	6	8
Item 8 buffet formes	10	0	
Item one Chare of wanescot with a bull head on yt	1	8	
Sum	8	15	6

Tables Cubbordes and Beddes Stokkes

FIRST long tables standing upone tressells & framis 9	1	6	8
Item one Drawing table of walnut tree	6	0	
Item 4 square throwne Cubbordes	8	0	
Item one Rownde Cubborde in my lades Closet	3	4	
Item one Rownde Cubbord with a falling less 12 lockers	4	0	
Item 24 standinge Cubbordes for Chamberes	1	4	0
Item my lordes soyld bedstocke	10	0	
Item 18 throwne and Carved bedstockes	6	0	0
Item foure Joined bedstockes	10	0	
Item 8 trindell bedstockes	1	0	0
Item bedstockes of borde for Servantes 30	10	0	
Item the blewe bedstocke	2	10	0
Itm my Laidies bedstocke	1	0	0
Item the bedstocke in the lowe parler	10	0	
Sum	16	2	0

Kyching Stuff

FIRST 12 brasse pottes	2	13	4
Item 7 Irone pottes	7	0	
Item one panne for boilling if beyf	}	heyrelomes	
Item at Senyngthayte one pane for boilling of beif			
Item 12 pannes litell and great brocken & whole	2	0	0
Item two possenettes			

Item pewther vessell in the Custodye of Alice Roodes			
twoe garnishe lackinge thre pecis	4	13	4
Item pewther vessell in the keching foure Dosune and			
fyve platteres 6 Dosune and 7 Dishes and 28 sawcers .	4	0	0
Item two payre of Rackkes		16	8
Item twelve broches		15	0
Item two mynshinge knyves }			
Item twoe Choping knyves }		2	0
Item one Dressing knyve }			
Item thre brasse morters	1	6	8
Item two Fryeng pannes		1	8
Item one Scomer			4
Item one brasse ladell			4
Item fowre chaffing disshes wherof 2 broken			8
Item a bread grater			6
Item twoe Drippinge pannes		1	3
Item twoe gridirons		1	8
Item twoe great Irone Chymneys the one for the	}	heyrelomes	
hawlle and the other for the kechinge			
Item two kymmells to salt beyf in		10	0
	Sum	17	10 6

My Lordes Apparell and other thinges lyeing in the Wardroppe

FIRST one gowne of Satten faced with sables	24	0	0
Item one gowne of Russet velvet faced with lusauce with			
19 payre and a half of gold aglettes upon the same .	13	6	8
Item one gowne of Damaske faced with velvet	6	13	4
Item a gowne of grograine furred with Conye	1	13	4
Item one Coote of Russet velvet	1	0	0
Item one newe Coote of blacke Satten plane and a Doblet			
of the same Cut and pinkte	4	0	0
Item one olde Coote of blacke Satten		6	8
Item one Cloke of blacke velvet furred with Conye	6	0	0
Item one Cloke of blacke Clothe	1	3	4
Item twoe Dublettes of blacke Satten	1	0	0
Item twoe payre of hoosen		13	8
Item twoe payre of olde velvet buskyns		5	0
Item two payre of leather buskyns		5	0
Item one pare of newe velvet buskyns imbrodered	1	10	0
Item a hat of velvet with a band of gold all imbrothered			
with gold	1	0	0

Item a felt hatt		3	4
Item a Cap cace with foure rownde Cappes of Velvet .	I	6	8
Item twoe night Cappes of velvet		8	0
Item thre paire of velvet showes		6	8
Item an old gowne of tawney grograine		5	0
Item an olde Furre of Conye for a gowne		10	0
Item towe staves garnished with sylver	I	0	0
Item foure golde ringes	3	0	0
Item fyve buttans of gold for a Jerkinge	I	0	0

Sum 70 16 4

Apparell for the Revells

FIRST 9 long gownes of Darinx	}		
Item one gowne of buckrame layd upon with layce of Strawe			
Item thre fooles Cootes			
Item Six hattes of paper			
Item two busshops myters and two peers Cappes .			
Item a Coote of bukrame garded with strawe .			
Item twoe peer hoodes		3	6 8
Item Six Swords of woode with girdles			
Item Six beardes			
Item 8 vysures			
Item two fooles Daggers 2 tipstaves and a mayce .			
Item twoe Dromes and one pare of stickes			
Item Sevyn pare of Skarffes of redde and yellowe Sarsenet for masking			

In the Wardrop

FIRST twoe steill Capp Coveringes of black Cloth .	I	0
Item 3 quear of paper Ryall	I	6
Item a horne garnisshed with Sylver	10	0
Item 3 Sumpter Clothes very lode with my lordes Armes upone the same	nihil	
Item a Sumpter clothe of black clothe	8	0
Item one pece of grene saye	14	0
Item a foote Clothe of black velvet with a head stawlle trappingses and stirrappes for the same fringed with black sylke and gold	10	0 0
Item a Covering of black velvet for a litter	4	0 0
Item twoe Crosses of Crimple velvet layde abowte with golde	5	0

Item an armyne girdell of black velvet	2	6	
Item a morrione covered with velvet	6	8	
Item a Steyllle Cappe covered with velvet	5	0	
Item tene twoe handed swordes	I	10	0
Item two velvet Dogg collers	nihil		
Item An Armyng Sword with a pare of gawntletes	10	0	
Item a Rap to put in a staff	2	0	
Item twelve Cootes of playt	6	0	0
Item twoe Skreres	I	0	
Item a Chaffing Disshe with a perfume panne	I	8	
Item 3 pare of plaing tables with men for the same	4	0	
Item twelve latten plaites for lightes	12	0	
Item 9 latten Candelstickes	13	4	
Item thre pewther Candelstickes	I	0	
Item Chambre pottes of tynne 17	9	4	
Item tenne payres of Andyrans	I	0	0
Item fyve fyer showells	I	8	
Item 6 payre of fyer tonges wherof 3 broken	6	0	
Item a warmyng panne for a bedd	5	0	
Item an Instrument in the loby	} 13	6	8
Item a set of recorders			
Item a pare of virgenals the organes in the chapell			
Item Six Chistes	2	0	0
Item thre olde trunks	3	4	
Item eight newe feather bedtyckes	5	0	0
Item a target	5	0	
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	Sum	49	7 8

Saltfishe

REMANING unspent in saltfishe 104 score	6	0	0
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IN CASKEs full and emptie 49	I	0	0
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	Sum	I	0 0

In the Brewhouse

FIRST a copper panne	} herelomes annexed to the frehold
Item a maskfat	
Item a gylefat	
Item a Sweyte worte fat	
Item towe Culers	

Item twoe Coppar kettels	5	0
Item tenne spowrging tubbes	3	4
Item Six olde Seckes	3	0
Item fower gutters of woode	1	0
Item towē Skopes and twoe tunelles	1	4
Item tubbes	1	4

Sum 15 4

In the Back Howse

FIRST A pane in a fornesse } herelomed annexed to the frehold

Item twoe trowes and twoe bordes	4	0
Item fowre stickes	3	4

Sum 7 4

In the Graneyers

FIRST wheat 23 quarters	11	10	0
Item malt 23 quarters	9	4	0
Item Rye Seven quarters	3	10	0
Item pease twoe quarters	1	0	0
Item oates thre busshells	2	0	0

Sum 25 6 0

In the Store House

FIRST one Litter with furnyturē	4	0	0
Item my lordes Saddell with furniture	16	0	0
Item thirtene webbes of leadd	10	0	0

Sum 14 16 0

In the Wodyerd

FIRST Coles by estimacion 20 lode	1	10	0
Item wood by estimacen & brushe fagot 6 score lode	6	0	0

Sum 7 10 0

Cattell in the Pastures

FIRST fatt Stottes 12	26	13	4
Item Drawght oxen 19	25	5	8
Item kyne 14	14	0	0
Item Horsses 12	24	0	0
Item wethers 53	10	12	0
Item Ewes 19	10	0	0
Item a white geldinge in the Stable that my lord rode upone	4	0	0

Item the Caters horsse and the mylur horse	.	.	1	6	8
Item waynes yoke and teames	.	.	1	10	0
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Sum			109	8	8

Haye

FIRST haie in the howse 30 lodes	.	.	.	6	0	0
Item haie in the Stables in the Feildes 70 Lodes at	}			14	0	0
helay & seiningthwat 4s. the lode						
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			Sum	20	0	0

TOTAL SUM 1,216 0 6

Certaine Goodes in Lying

Item shetes of holland 6	.	.	1	0	0
Item six night kercheiffes wherof 2 geven to edmodes	.		10	0	
Item twoe Shaving Clothes	.	.	5	0	
Item thre waiste Cootes	.	.	10	0	
Item the tithe corne of helay winter corne 10 lodes	.		5	0	0
Item in ware Cornes 14 lodes	.	.	4	13	4
Item twenty paire of gold aglettes blak mambled	.		5	0	0
Item gold aglettes white mambled 16 pare & one all	.		2	2	6
Item gold buttans black mambled 27	.	.	4	10	0
Item gold buttans open 29	.	.	4	16	8
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Sum			28	7	6

A collection faithfully made and agreed . this copy of the inventory of the goods of the late Thomas, Lord Wharton of the diocese of York recorded and examined by me

Ger. Wright
Notarium
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**ANNE VAVASOR OF SPALDINGTON, WIDOW,
1570**

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum measuring $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $25\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Anne, daughter of Robert Skipwith of Willitoft and widow of George Vavasor of Spaldington, died sometime between 2 February, 1571, when she made her will, and 6 February, 1571, when the following inventory was prepared. The inventory is discussed with that of her husband on p. 9.

THE INVENTORYE of all the goodes and cattalles of Anne Vavasor laite of Spaldington wydowe deceased praised by John Lawson, Roberte Skipse Roberte Ellys Anthony Lop and Peter Clerke the sixte of Februarie 1570.

	£	s.	d.
First eight oxen	14	0	0
Item 14 kye and a bull and two calves	18	0	0
Item two quyres of three yeres olde	1	13	4
Item 7 yeringe calves	2	16	8
Item three maires and three foles	7	0	0
Item a nagge and two mares	4	6	8
Sum £47 16 8			

Item two waynes (30s.) 9 yockes 5 teames 4 foote shackelles three coupes (20s.) two harrowes, one Iron harrowe (5s.) two payer of strivinge Irons one payer of tugges and sex payer of cutwithes (3s.)	3	8	0
Item 3 iron forkes fower muckforkes two spades one shovell one hey spade		3	0
Item three plowes and two payer of Irons	13	4	
Item 7 yockes with there Irons		6	0
Sum £4 10 4			

The kilne

Item one stepefatte and one kilne hare		6	8
Item a quarter sawe and a handsawe two Iron wedges two wombles two payer of Swivelles one chesell one payer of pinsers		4	0
Item 5 wayne ropes fower payer of horse geare		4	0
Item fower sythes		5	0
Item two hattchetes		1	0
Item a paire of wayne blades 3 tumblell blades		4	8
Item wheat and rie in the barne threshed and unthreshed	12	0	0
Item fower quarters of beanes and thre quarters of Bigges	2	10	0
Item 5 bushelles of Rye in the garner		6	0
Item 6 bushelles of malte		6	0
Item the croppe in the grownde sowen and unsowen both corne and grasse medowe	20	0	0
Sum £36 7 4			

Item a buckle and a pendant of silver and gylte	—		
Item in golde 6 double ducketes three old rialles and forty Angelles	26	5	0
Item in her purse	9	7	
Item a girdle with a buckle and one appendante of silver and gylte	1	0	0
Item three silver hookes	1	4	
Item 9 silver spones (45s.) one silver salt with a cover double gylte (£3) one goblet parcell gylte with a cover (50s.)	7	15	0
Sum £36 12 11			

Item a quarter of Salt befe and a swyne	10	0	
Item 4 stone of salte Butter	8	0	
Item 7 swyne fower gees and a gander	1	6	0
Item two capons			11
Item 84 shepe	10	13	4
Item towe and lyne soated and unbreakede	6	0	
Item fower syves and riddles fower seckes two skuttles and a strike skeppe a temps a grate a searse three stone Bottelles and a lether bottell	6	4	
Item two ashes a gange of speakes thirtene bordes and the woodd in the yearde	14	0	
Item the helme	10	0	
Item Anne Skipwithes Cowe	1	0	0
Item John Gunbyes wether his yowe and his lambe	8	0	
Sum £16 2 7			

In the Stable

Item the horse baye hacke and mannger	6	8	
Item a saddle and a bridle with a paire of stirropes and two gyrthes	1	0	
Item skelbouses in all the houses two stees a grindstone and swyne troughes	8	8	
Item traces	6	8	
Item the felowes chamber two beddes fyve coverletes two payer of shetes two mattresses two bolsters and a codd	1	0	0
Item a fetherbed a mattresse two longe bolsters and a cod a blanket three coverletes a bedcoveringe with hanginges of rede saye and yalowe a stand bedd corded	3	6	8
Item a fetherbedd two longe bolsters a cod a mattresse two coverletes and a blanket with hangynges of Buckram a stand bedd bourded and a trundle bedd	2	14	4

Item a mattresse a longe bolster two coverletes and a blanket and a cod and the bourded bedstocke .	10	0
Item a bourde and a forme	1	8
Item 10 chargers 12 platters 6 sawcers 9 pottingers 9 old platters of pewter two pewther saltes a pewther basyn	2	10 8
Item a basyn two old lavers and a chaufingdishe of latyn and 9 candelstickes of latyn	13	4
Sum £11 19 8		

In the Kitchen

Item two leades two maskfattes a woort trouge and two gylefattes	2	0 0
Item 3 standes fower skelles 7 milkbowles 7 other bowles 7 chesefattes 7 tre dublers 20 dishes a kirine [?] 2 cannes and a soa	11	8
Item a brasse potte and a latyne laddle and 3 posnettes .	2	0 0
Item 3 great kettles 5 little panes	16	0
Item a broile yron two payer of cobirons 1 frying pan a drepinge pan and 5 spitles	8	0
Item two braying morters and two pestelles	10	0
Item a payer of malt whearnes brakes a luyng trouge a dishbrike a borde with buffettes 1 choppinge borde .	9	0
Item two shelfes and a choppinge knife	1	8
Sum £6 16 4		

In the hawle house

Item 1 counter two litle tables and one aumbry fower formes and one old forme	1	0
Item 3 chares 3 buffett stooles 1 litle chare one backstoole one chest hecke	6	0
Item one gallowe bawke of yron 4 gallowe crukes one payere or iron tonges two brandrethes one yron colrake a tostinge yron 2 payre of potkilpes	9	0
Item 2 table clothes one dosen of cushinges and the hawlinges	13	4
Item a kneadinge trouge 3 bordes a shelf one spynninge whele	7	0
Item 2 boultinge tubbes	10	0
Item an aumbry an arke one trundle bedd one bourded bedd a mattresse three coverlettes a payer of sheetes and a bolster a presser bourde	1	1 0
Item one arke 14 payer of semble shettes 3 payer of harden one webbe of lynnene one other of lyne hardes	4	17 0

Item in the south chamber 4 payer of semble shetes one odd shete of harden	14	0
Item 7 payer of lynnen shetes and one odd shete	14	4
Item other two payer of semble (9s.) shetes and 3 payer of harden shettes (4s. 4d.)	13	4
Item other two payer of lynnen shettes	16	0
Item one dosen of fyne napkins and an other of course	10	0
Item 4 towelles	3	0
Item 3 lynnen table clothes 3 of lyne hardes	9	4
Item 9 pilowbears and two towelles	12	0
Item one lynnen shete	4	0
Item two chistes and a chare	7	0
Item 14 pound of lyne 3 pounce of lynen yerne	8	6
Item 16 hespes of lyne hardes	6	0
Item 9 pounce of lyne hardes	1	8
Item 2 stone of semble towe	3	4
Item certayne candelwoake and canvas yerne	2	4
Item two payer of wooll cardes 3 heckles one riple canne for lyne	2	0
Item trashment in the litle chamber	3	4
Item a mattresse a fetherbedd a bolster 2 coddess a payre of blankettes two coverlettes one bed coveringe one bedstocke with white hangynges	1	13 4
Item one bedstocke a matresse a longe bolster a blanket and fower coverlettes	13	0
Item a bedcoveringe and a binke clothe	7	0
Item two gownes and a gowne clothe two kirtles two peticottes	2	6 8
Item a silke hatte and a white cappe 3 smockes thre patletes thre approns & Kerchefes	1	0 0
Item 6 yerdes of browne cloth (12s.) an arke 3 chestes two cobbordes (18s.)	1	10 0
Item a gallon of hunye	3	0
Sum £23 5 6		

Debtes owen to the said Anne Vavasor

First Mr Doctor Vavasor for the third part of the tythe of Bubwithe	5	6	8
Item John Eskricke for an other third part of the same tythe	5	6	8
Item John Sowle John Pocklington and Robert Browne and James clerke for th other third part	5	6	8
Item Mr William Vavasor for the hole tythe of Willitoft	4	0	0

Item Roberte Skipwith John Gunbye and richard Henlake for Harlthroppe tythe	4	0	0
Item Henry Ibbottson for the tythe of Fockerthroppe .	5	0	
Item Mr Thomas Dowmane	10	0	0
Sum £34 5 0			
SUM TOTAL £217 16 3			

Debtes owen by the said Anne Vavasor

First to Mr Edwarde Vavasor	3	6	8
Item to Thomas Howdall	1	6	8
Item Anne Skipwithes Cowe	1	0	0
Item John Gunbies yowe his lambe and his wether .	8	0	
Item for the lordes rente	4	19	10
Item to Peter Vavasor for his childes porcion lefte him by his father	46	13	4
Item to Elizabethe Vavasor for his childes porcion lefte him by his father	46	13	4
Item to katherine Vavasour for his childes porcion lefte him by his father	46	13	4
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	Sum	211	1 2
And so remaynes clere the debtes deducted	6	15	1

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LEONARD PINKNEY OF THIRSK, GENTLEMAN, 1572

This inventory is written on a paper roll of three membranes, each of which bears an ewer water-mark, and measures $42\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 6 in.

Leonard Pinkney of Thirsk appears to have been the son of Richard and Eleanor Pinkney of Leake and Braworth. Certainly he was living in Thirsk in 1561, for on 19th September of that year the baptism of his daughter Jane is recorded in the Thirsk parish registers. The same source also records his burial on 1 January 1572, aged 43, the registers giving him the title of 'gent.'

The administration of his estate was granted at York on 26 March 1573.

The 24th day of march 1572

THE INVENTORY of all the goodes moveable & unmoveable that late were Leonard Pynkeney's of Thirske prayesed by these four men viz henry Barton henry Cawton William Brandesby & William Bell.

	£	s.	d.
Firste 12 oxen	18	0	0
Item 6 kyen	9	0	0
Item 7 stirkes	3	10	0
Item 6 horses & mares	6	0	0
Item 32 swyne	3	17	0
Item 26 acres of winter corne at 15s. the acre	19	10	0
Item two iron bound wanes	4	0	0
Item 3 cowpes one paire of wheles	13	4	
Item all the yokes & Teames with the ploughe geare & wayne geare	1	0	0
Item all the Tymber of an old barne	4	0	0
Item all the corne in the barne	8	13	4
Sum			

In the low parlor

Item one bedstead with curtens	13	4	
Item one table one litle cupbord 3 formes one chare 7 quishines 2 basyns & one Ewer	13	4	
Sum			

In the chamber over the parlour

Item one standinge bed	10	0	
Item two fether beddes	2	0	0
Item two coveringes	1	0	0
Item one paire of blankettes and 3 Coverletes	7	0	
Item two mattresses	4	0	
Item a trindle bedd a litle table a forme a chare & a presse	6	8	
Sum			

In the prestes chamber

Item one litle standinge bedd	1	0	
Item one fether bedd	13	4	
Item two coverletts one blanket & one pare of shetes	4	8	
Sum			

In the hall

Item 3 tables 2 formes	13	4
Item all the sealinge	6	8
Item the galowes the crookes the land yrons the tonges & fyer pann	16	0
Item two chares	1	8
Item bynkes	2	6
Sum		

In the buttry

Item 35 pece of pewder	2	0	0
Item 3 hoggesheades & litle barrelles	5	0	
Item two chamber pottes of pewter	2	0	
Item 3 glasses one drinkinge pott	1	0	
Sum			

In the kitchyn

Item one Cauldron	10	0	
Item four pannes	10	0	
Item 4 brasse pottes & 1 litle pann	1	0	0
Item 2 chafing dishes a brasyn mortar a pestill & one fryinge pann	18	0	
Item all the wodd vessell	2	0	
Sum			

In the chamber over the hall

Item four stone of hempe	8	0	
Item one boorden bedd with certen clothes	1	0	
Item two spynnyng wheles	1	4	
Sum			

All the playte

Item ten sylver spones & one sylver salte	3	8	4
Sum			

Item All his apperell	2	0	0
Sum			

All his leases

Item one lease called linsholme lease with other thinges therin contaned	10	0	0
Item one Covente lease called Shadlockes howse	2	10	0
Item one other Covente lease called walkar lease	4	0	0

Item the lease of the parsonaige of Thirske . . .	5	0	0
Item one lease of the graunte of Mr Nicholas Lockwodd . . .	2	0	0
Sum			

In the chauntry

Item one boorden bed a trundle bedd 3 Coverlettes 2 paire of shetes & 3 blankettes	13	4	
Item one fether bed & one mattres	10	0	
Sum			

In the makes parlor

Item one standinge bedd 2 Coverlettes two blankettes one paire of shetes	6	8	
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The plow mens beddes

Item 2 bedsteades with clothes therunto	5	0	
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All the napery in the howse

Item 2 dossen of table napkyns 8 pare of shetes four table clothes	2	10	0
Item two leades	8	4	

Sum of all the goodes is 164 2 0

The dettes which the sayd leonard Pynkney did owe

First to Mr lockwodd for a lease	20	0	0
Item to hym in lente money	10	0	0
Item to hym for lente money	13	6	8
Item to Mr Robinson of yorke	3	10	0
Item to Mr Malteby	5	19	0
Item to Mr Dakyns for rente	1	10	0
Item to the Towne of Thirske	1	13	4
Item to Christopher Pynkney	8	0	0
Item to Sir Robert manard	1	10	0
Item to Henry may of yorke for the half yeres Rente of newbourghe land	3	0	0
Item for the Rente of the parsonaige	10	0	0
Item for the quenes Rente of the lease of Clinsholme	1	0	0
Item for servantes waiges	2	6	8
Item to Elizabethe Thompson	1	0	0
Item for a barne	1	3	4
Item to John Kay	1	0	0
Item to James Pynkney	13	4	
Item for four quarters of otes	1	6	8
Item to the preste	2	0	0

Item two quarters of malte	1	0	0
Item of wodd		8	0

Sum of all the dettes is	96	2	0
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And remanethe declard	68	0	0
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Collation made to agree with the said copy of an Inventory remaining with the records in the Archbishops treasury at York by me John Binkes notary public [notarial sign].

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WILLIAM MYDDILTON OF STOCKELD, ESQUIRE, 1578

This inventory is written on a file of seven sheets of paper measuring 4 in. x 1 ft. 4 in. Due to poor storage conditions in the past several areas of paper have rotted away completely, destroying a number of entries and the majority of the estimated values, as may be seen below.

William Myddilton was the son of Sir William Myddilton, or Middleton, of Stockeld, and Jane, daughter of Edmund Sutton. From this inventory it would appear that he continued to live at Stockeld Park after his father's death, for the rich furnishings described here could not be accommodated in any other house then existing in the parish. The house at Stockeld (SE 373492) was rebuilt as a fine classical mansion to the designs of James Paine in 1758-63, and so no comparison with the earlier house is possible.

THIS INVENTORYE mayd the XV . . . daye of october in the yeare of [our] lorde 1578 of all the goods and cattalles Remanying at Stockeld of the Reight Worshipfull Mr William myddilton of Stockeld esquier by Thomas Robynson John Lidge and Roberte herdwyck as followeth.

					£	s.	d.
Imprimis oxen and stotts Drawne	.	.	.	.	1	9	0
Item kyne & whyes [eight haythe hude?] calves	.	.	.	.		10	0
Item one bull	.	.	.	.
Item calves that is spaned	.	.	.	.	1	0	0

Item sewkyng calves	2	0
Item Stotts & wheyes of 3 yeres old & vantage where of stotts	13	0
Item stirckes of on year old & vantage	13	0
Item one bull stircke	1	0
Item fatte oxen	6	0
Item fatt cowe	1	0

Horses

Item 3 gray meares and a bay meare		
Item 2 felles of 3 years old & wantage and one felle of . . . old and vantage		
Item stagg . . . old & vantage		
Item		
and		
Item wigh		
Item a gray meare and a fellye of		
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Item one . . . brasen		
Item one lyttle brasen [pott?]		
Item one fare brasen mortar		
Item one		
Item		
Item		
Item 5 dryppen pannes		
Item one fryeng panne		
Item one Flesshe coock		
Item one apple [crusche?]		
Item one Irone spyttes		
Item 4 lyttle spyttes		
Item one almerye		
Item one strycken knyfe		
Item one pare garthing sheres		
Item one shering knyfe		
Item 2 choppen knyves		
Item one brolyng Iron		
Item one pare of tonges		
Item 2 pare of pottkylpes		
Item one pare of Iron rackes		
Item 2 reckanes		
Item one chaffyn dishe		
Item one Irene [pan?]		
Item one		

Item reym . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one salt pye	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 3 salt berelles	.	.	.	.	.	3	0
Item one brandrythe	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item salt in the berelles abowte 4 busshelles	.	.	.	.	.	6	0

Swyne

Item swyne	.	.	.	.	.	1	8	0
Item pygges	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	0

great chamber

Item fether beddes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item fether bed bolsters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item other bolsters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item pillowes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item coverlyttes	.	.	.	.	.	13	0
Item blanckits	.	.	.	.	.	16	0
Item matteris	.	.	.	.	.	4	0
Item cownter poyntes	.	.	.	.	.	3	0
Item sylke teasers	.	.	.	.	.	[6?]	0
Item quishinges	.	.	.	.	.	8	0
Item one bed as is in pyces	.	.	.	.	.	[1?]	0
Item one counter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item wood scales in the said cownter	.	.	.	.	.	8	0

granerie chamber

Item one standynge bed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one fether bed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one bowlster	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one pyllowe	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item coverlyttes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item blancketts	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one counter payne	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one cubberd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 7 pece . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

[Lynyng ?]

. . . worke . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one standinge bed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one worke . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 forkes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

The manes chamber

Item one bed	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one bolster	.	.	.	.	.	.
.....
Item one lyttle [table ?]	.	.	.	.	.	.

olde mylke howse

Item one counter	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one longe forme	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one wood mortar	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one berrell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one arcke	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one chaire	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one chesebord	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item planckes of Saw . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one kytt	.	.	.	.	.	.

oxe howse chamber

Item 2 beddes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 matteres	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 3 coverlettes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 blanchettes
Item one bolster
Item 4 shod forkes	4 0
Item one Iron grype
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Chappell chamber

Item cootes of playte	3 0 0
Item one payre of sheves of mayle
Item one standynge bed	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one whele bed	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one longe forme	.	.	.	.	.	.

. . . . chamber

Item one bed	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one chare	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sallett	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one Sweard blade	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one gunpowder berrell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 Irones for curtenes of a bed to rune on	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item a [roule ?] for a trunle bed	.	.	.	.	.	.

. . . . chamber

Item one seld bed	.	.	.	.	.
Item one fether bed	.	.	.	.	.
Item one teaster	.	.	.	.	.
Item curtenes	.	.	.	.	.
Item blanchettes	.	.	.	.	.
Item coverlyttes	.	.	.	.	.
Item bolsters	.	.	.	.	.
Item pyllowes	.	.	.	.	.
Item cownter paynes	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item [mappes ?]	.	.	.	.	.
Item one pare of . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . . Irone . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one webb of					
and a halfe weight	.	.	.	.	.
.
Item one bed	.	.	.	.	.
Item one matteres	.	.	.	.	.
Item coverlyttes	.	.	.	.	.
Item blanchkits	.	.	.	.	.
Item bolsters	.	.	.	.	.

morehowse

Item one bed	.	.	.	.	.
Item one matteres	.	.	.	.	.
Item one [bolster ?]	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.
by . . .	.	.	.	.	.
tymber . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one kymlyn	.	.	.	.	.
Item chesses	.	.	.	.	.
Item 4 chese presses	.	.	.	.	.
Item 4 stone corse matteres woole	.	.	.	.	.
Item one stone grete fyne woole	.	.	.	.	.
Item 7 stone butter	.	.	.	.	.
Item lyeane spune and not spune 4 stone	.	.	.	.	.
Item one kytt	.	.	.	.	.
Item aboute 6 stone tallowe	.	.	.	.	.
Item one thrawne long settell	.	.	.	.	.

Item 4 stone coverlytt yarne	.	.	.	.	.
Item one berrell	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 tubbes	.	.	.	.	.

Clossett

Item one sylver basen	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sylver ure	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sylver pottell pott parcell gylte	.	.	.	.	.
Item one standinge sylver coppe with a cover doble gylte	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sylver goblyt with a cover doble gilte	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 sylver saltes with a cover doble gylte	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sylver cope with a cover doble gylte	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sylver cope with a broken cover parcell gylte	.	.	.	.	.
Item one sylver salt and a cover	.	.	.	.	.
Item 5 sylver spones with postelles on with gilded endes	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 gylded sylver spones with cockes of the . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item 12 sylver spones	.	.	.	.	.
Item one other standinge cope playne gylte with a flatt cover	.	.	.	.	.

pewther

Item pewther platters	.	.	.	.	.
Item pewther dishes	.	.	.	.	.
Item grea . . . pewther dish . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item lyttle pewther dish	.	.	.	.	.
Item sawsers	.	.	.	.	.
Item basens	.	.	.	.	.
Item ures	.	.	.	.	.
Item pewther coppes	.	.	.	.	.
Item pewther candlestickes	.	.	.	.	.
Item latten candlestickes	.	.	.	.	.
Item pewther playtes	.	.	.	.	.
Item glasses	.	.	.	.	.
Item chistes	.	.	.	.	.
Item one stele coppe	.	.	.	.	.
Item sware trenchers	.	.	.	.	.
Item rownd trenchers in 2 boxes	.	.	.	.	.
Item one great Jugge	.	.	.	.	.

3 0

24 0

[2?]0

1 0

Mylkehowse

Item one Reckane	.	.	.	.	.
Item great pannes	.	.	.	.	.
Item one lyttle pan	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 kyvnes	.	.	.	.	.

Item 5 chesfatts . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one standing flaskett . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item 3 skeles . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item 5 . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . . temse . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item formes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.

Seled parlor

Item one standinge bed
Item one chare

lyttle parlor

Item standinge beddes
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Watson chamber

Item one bedd
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Chamber over lyttle seled parlor

Item one old fether bed
Item one bolster
Item beddes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	4 0
Item in the custodye of one chamber of Walter hene 4 stone of yarne to mak Cherkey . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.

Womanes chamber

Item beddes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	11 0
Item matteres . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item bowlster . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item coverlyttes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item banckettes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item one webbe of herden clothe of 20 yerdes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	20 0
Item one sweward . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item one byll . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item 3 chamber pottes . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	3 0
Item one old clock bagge . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 0
Item prisses . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	2 0
Item one lance stafe . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one otter staffe . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.

Item one Flander chist	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one wanded screne	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item in one chiste 2 dyp table clothes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item dyp napkines	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one dyp towel	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 4 longe lyne . . . clothes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item newe lyne	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item lyne towelles	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item olde lyne napkines	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item Sameren	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item Sameron . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item sameron . . . one newe [table?] clothes . . . one newe 2 olde	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 7 pare lyne shettes	.	.	.	.	.	7 0
pillowbeares	.	.	.	.	.	10 0
sameron shettes . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item herdene shettes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one wanded skepe	.	.	.	.	.	.

Bruhowse

Item lead	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one maskefatt	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item gylfattes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item Beleues	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item malte Arcke	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item hogesheades	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item berrelles	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one firkyn	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item standes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item sooes	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.

Kylne

Item one pare of . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one stepfatt	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 9 load coles	.	.	.	.	.	.

My m[aste]rs stable

Item one chyste	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one hogeshead	.	.	.	.	.	.

larder

Item Tubbes to salt befe in	.	.	.	.	2	0
Item one great saltyn troughe	.	.	.	.	1	0

Wyn seller

Item one hoggeshead and 2 barrells full of vergeues	.
Item one chiste	.

closset

Item one stand bedd	.	.	.	.	.
Item one trundle bed	.	.	.	.	.

Nurserye

Item one standinge bed	.	.	.	.	.
Item one still	.	.	.	.	.
Item one forme	.	.	.	.	.

Butterye

Item 7 hogesheades	.	.	.	.	.
Item berrelles	.	.	.	.	.
Item standes	.	.	.	.	.
Item one cobbert	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item candlestickes	.	.	.	.	.
Item one pewther . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one great . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item trenchers	.	.	.	.	.
Item one . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item one pare of . . . crockes to bere . . .	.	.	.	.	.
Item geyse in the parke at Stockeld	.	.	.	.	.

Husbandrye geyre in the occupacion of Thomas Rob . . .

Item 2 waynes 2 pairs of wheles	.	.	.	.
Item 3 cowpes . . . of wheles	.	.	.	.
Item 3 cowpes . . . of wheles	.	.	.	.
Item Iron teames	.	.	.	.
Item 3 hend . . . .	.	.	.	.
Item 3 wane . . . .	.	.	.	.
Item laned y . . . .	.	.	.	.
Item culters	.	.	.	.
Item shares	.	.	.	.

garner

Item wheat	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item musselgeom one busshell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item berly	.	.	.	.	.	.	29 0
Item malt 2 quarters 2 busshelles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item ottes 3 quarters 6 busshelles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item halfe a busshell ote meale	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 Kymlynes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item one busshell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 5 seckes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item conye hayes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item halfe a bend and a lyttle pece of lether	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 2 ryddelles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item 3 Iren hyltes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

corne in the barne by extymacion

Imprimis wheat 3 score and 14 quarters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item of rye 20 quarters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item of barley 4 score quarters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Item of ottes 52 quarters
Item of pease 30 quarters
Item hay in the barnes

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**ELIZABETH THORNHILL OF TOOTHILL,
WIDOW, 1585**

This inventory is written on a vellum scroll 6 in. x 24½ in.

Elisabeth Thornhill, daughter of Thomas Grice of Sandal and widow of John Thornhill of Fixby, was buried in the choir of St Nicholas in the parish church of Elland on 20 January, 1585, some eighteen years after her husband, whose inventory is printed on p. 13. Her will, dated 10 March, 1583, was proved at York on 21 April, 1586.

Toothill Hall (SE 1521), where Elizabeth Thornhill appears to have lived after her husband's death, was demolished in the early nineteenth century, and so no comparison between the building referred to below and this document is possible

THIS INVENTORIE Indented made the 26th day of January in the yeare of our lord god one thowsand fyve hundrith fourscore & fyve [1585] of all the goodes & Cattels which late were or did belong unto Elizabeth Thornhill widow late of Toythill deceased prised & estemed by Thomas Thornhill of Brighowse, John Hanson thelder of Woodhowse, Thomas Hanson of Rastrick and Thomas Hanson of Toythill as followeth, viz.;

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis money in hir purse		10	0
Item eight oxen	16	0	0
Item two of the best Stottes	4	6	8
Item four stottes of a wors sort	4	13	4
Item two of the best kyne	4	0	0
Item three other kyne	5	0	0
Item three Stirkes	2	0	0
Item foure Calves	1	6	8
Item one meare		10	0
Item one bull	1	10	0
Item seven & forty sheep	7	16	8
Item one swine & two holding swine	1	6	8
Item hir Apparell & Rayment	2	0	0
Item Corne in the Lath	6	13	4
Item hay in the same lathe	5	0	0
Item Corne in the Chamber of Ry 5 strokes		5	0
Item sex sakes of otes	1	12	0
Item twelve daies worke of hard corn sowed	10	0	0
Item two sylver spones		6	8
Item an Iron Chimney with thinges it belonging		—	
Item in Larder		13	4
Item foure fetherbedes	4	0	0
Item four mattresses		13	4
Item twelve Coverlettes	4	0	0
Item two payre of small shetes		13	4
Item sex pair of wors sheetes	1	6	8
Item other foure pair of sheetes		10	0
Item fyve pare of blankettes		13	4
Item foure paire of bedstockes with a thrindelbed	2	0	0
Item one Cupborde		6	8
Item two arkes		6	8
Item seven Chistes		15	0
Item one saltingfatt		6	8
Item thre pyllowbeeres		6	8
Item eight napkines		2	0

Item fyve table clothes	5	0
Item foure towelles	6	8
Item in salt	1	4
Item two lodesadles with garthes & wantoes	6	8
Item four chargers of peuder	10	0
Item fyve lesse chargers	8	0
Item seven peyces of peuder	6	8
Item other eight peices of peudder	8	0
Item seven potingers	3	4
Item one pewder basing	1	0
Item one mortar with a pestill	6	8
Item seven sawcers	2	8
Item one Chaffingdish	1	0
Item two pewder salts	1	4
Item two bottells	2	0
Item three Candlesticks	2	0
Item wollen tableclothes	6	0
Item eleven quyshion	6	8
Item two wooden tables	6	8
Item one syde bord	1	0
Item in formes	1	0
Item foure chaires	3	4
Item three buffetts	2	0
Item three brasse potts & one posnett	1	6 8
Item one great kettle and a pan	16	8
Item foure kettles, three priggs, & a scomer	10	0
Item one frying pan	1	0
Item seven secks with a window cloth	10	0
Item in malt	1	0
Item in tallow	2	6
Item in tallow candles	2	0
Item in Meynor	6	8
Item in pulleyne about the howse	4	0
Item in Coles	3	4
Item Tubbes barreles tristles kittes and other huslement of the howse	13	4
Sum of the goods	105	8 6

Debtes outward

Imprimis to Thomas Thornhill for straw & hey	1	4	0
Item to Edward Malingson for wages & otherwaies	1	7	6
Item to Margaret Jackson for wages	4	9	

Item to Nicholas Bothroyd for wages . . .	4	0
Item to John Townend for wages . . .	16	0
Item to Thomas Hanson 3 lodes of Ry . . .	1	1 0
Item to John Frith for two lodes of Ry . . .	14	0
Item to Mr Brian Thornhill two lodes of Ry . . .	14	0
Item to Katherin Fox 13 strokes of Ry . . .	15	2
Item to Edmund Marsh thre strokes of Ry . . .	3	6
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Sum of the debts . . .	7	3 11
Sum Remaining . . .	98	3 7
Item funeral expenses . . .	5	2 0

Seen and examined by me William Webster Dean of the Deanery of Pontefract.

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RICHARD THORNHILL OF FIXBY, 1594

This inventory is written on a vellum roll measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $4\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Richard Thornhill, son of John and Elizabeth Thornhill of Fixby and Toothill (whose inventories are on pp. 13 and 54 respectively), was buried at Elland on 28 February, 1594, the day after making his will, which was proved at York on 1 April, 1595. The nature of the inventory indicates that he was only living at Fixby Hall (SE 132194), rather than owning the Fixby estates, for its contents are limited to his chamber furnishings alone.

A TRUE INVENTORIE of all the goodes credites & Rightes of Richard Thornill late of Fixbye Deceased prised the 6th day of March Anno Domini 1594 by Richard March John Rately Thomas Brooke & Edward Fagger.

	£	s.	d.
Inprimis his apparell	2	0	0
Item in beding 2 coverletes one materis one mantell 2 banketes 2 pillowes & a boulster 4 payre of sheetes & 2 pillowbeares	1	6	8

Item a payre of bedstockes & a paynted cloth	2	6	
Item a pewter cane & a litell coffer	2	8	
Item a chayre a board a litell buffet a quishinge	4	0	
Item in wax	2	0	
Item a litell brasse pot a litell panne & a chamber pot	3	4	
Item 2 chistes	8	0	
Item a litell Range a wodknyf and a lanterne	2	0	
Item money in his purse	1	6	
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Sum of goods	4	12	8

debtes inward

Inprimis of John Thornhill of Touthill by 3 severall billes	20	0	0
Item of Katherin Langdall by bill	10	0	0
Item of John Thornill of Cutterton & Thomas Thornill of Brighous by bill	10	0	0
Item of Richard Marsh by bill	1	17	4
Item of Katharin Smyth by bill	2	0	0
Item of John Wilkinsonn of lightridge	2	0	0

Seen examined and approved by me Costaine Mawd [notarial sign].

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JOHN NETTLETON OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1596

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper bearing an ewer water-mark and measuring 12 in. x 8 in.

It was presented at the court of Sir Henry Slingsby's manor of Beechill by Robert Nettleton, his brother and executor, in order to gain the administration of his estate. John Nettleton's will, dated 20 July, 1596, is filed with the inventory. After requesting that his body be buried at the east end of the church of Knaresborough, he proceeds to make a great number of bequests of individual items to various persons, and finally names his brother as executor. The inventory below should be compared with that of his wife Alice which appears on p. 64.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable that late belonged to John Nettleton of Tentergayte deceased valued and appraised by Thomas Palliser William Benson William Wilkes and Leonard Brandsby 12th day of January 38 Elizabeth I [1596-].

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse girdle dagger & money in yt .	10	0	
Item all his appel	2	10	0
Item one pres & a Cupbord	2	0	0
Item one bedstead a Trinlebed a forme & towe shelves .	1	6	8
Item 4 charges of puther one salt & a puther cup 4 Candle- stickes one puther Can & a Ewer	16	0	
Item one silver boule & 10 silver spones	5	0	0
Item one fether bed a Mattres & other thinges thereto belonging	1	15	0
Item 2 chistes	4	0	
Item a bolster a Coverlet 2 yeardes of gray cloth & a blanket	15	0	
Item one paire of shetes	6	8	
Item tow Codwardes	1	8	
Item samron shetes & harden shetes	1	3	4
Item one paire of tonges	1	4	
Item borderers for Cubberdes		8	
Item 3 buffet stoles a Chist & Candles & other huslement	5	0	
Item one long table a litle table & a tablecloth	12	8	
Item 5 chares & 7 buffet stoles	6	8	
Item 12 quishiones	4	0	
Item one cote of plate with thre staves for the warres .	16	0	
Item 4 befe fickes & one bacon flicke	1	0	0
Item a shelf a paire of sheres & 2 brushes	2	6	
Item painted clothes with other huslement in the house	6	8	
Item 13 puther dishes 6 plates & 8 porringers	13	0	
Item 3 sawcers & 2 tyn bottells	2	0	
Item one bason 2 saltes 2 peuther cannes & one cupp .	7	0	
Item 2 Chafin dishes & 3 candlestickes	5	8	
Item one bras Morter	3	4	
Item 7 standes one bushell with a grater	5	0	
Item 4 bordclothes & Five table Napkins	9	0	
Item Cuppes Cannes Jugges glasses trenchers with other huslement in the buttey	3	4	
Item one flaskett & towe bottelles	1	4	
Item 2 kymlins one Chiste one Arke with a tempse .	12	0	

Item Ote meale wheate Meale hopps (?) with towe barrells of vergies & salt fleshe	9	0
Item 2 kittes 2 shelves & one forme	2	0
Item one Ambrey in the Milkhouse	3	4
Item one chirne & one doughtroughe	1	8
Item one kytt with thre stone of butter in yt	10	0
Item 3 kyttis a barrell with boules chesfattes & other huslement in the Milkhouse	4	0
Item one bedstead a fetherbed a Matres a bolster a Cod a pare of shetes a pare of blankettes a Covering with hangines & towe chamberpottes	3	13 4
Item one other stand bed with Mattresse a bolster & a bed covering	1	10 0
Item one other bed one Mattresse One paire of sheetes One Coverlett and one Cod	6	8
Item Towe Chistes one Cupbord with a litle round table	1	3 4
Item all his bookes	3	6 8
Item One bedstead One Mattresse a fetherbed 2 Cover- lettes & a paire of shetes	2	0 0
Item one chist & a bord	6	8
Item one quarter of Malt	1	12 0
Item one other bed with huslement	10	0
Item one stand with barly in yt	1	8
Item a quarter of blended Corne	1	16 0
Item grund Malt	13	4
Item one table one chaire and one forme	6	8
Item lyne towe & yerne	6	8
Item towe tables one Maunded skepp one Maund with tow paire of weyes	5	0
Item Thre shelves 3 Chistes with household bread	6	0
Item one shelve one hecle with other huslement	1	4
Item 3 bras pottes	2	13 4
Item one litle pott with 8 kettells & pannes	1	0 0
Item one still a pare of rackes a dripin pan & 3 spittes	14	0
Item one fryenpan one sticking knife one fleshe Croke with other huslement	4	0
Item 3 spades 2 Iron wedges & a hatchett	3	4
Item a Arke a Caule & 2 barrells	8	0
Item a Maskfatt a gylefat One paire of Musterd wheres	6	0
Item one bushell of salt	3	4
Item towe old tubbes one flaskett & one stand	3	4
Item 4 sawen bordes one spining whele with one Rope	2	0
Item Wood Coale & turfe	4	0 0

Item Fyve kye and thre Quyes	16	0	0
Item hey	2	13	4
Item eller powles	2	0	
Item tow bee hyves in the garden	6	8	
Item Fyve stees Longer and shorter One yeate and Towe swyne troughes	6	0	
Item all the Manuee aboute the house	2	0	
Item at the house of William Mason one styne and a benche	1	0	
Item certaine old bordes		8	
Item 28 shepe at Peter Batties			

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LEONARD FAWCETT OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1598

This inventory is written on a folded sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which measures 12 in. x 8 in., which forms part of a file of wills and inventories presented at Sir Henry Slingsby's court of the manor of Beechill. The following inventory was presented at this court by Dorothy Fawcett, widow of the deceased, in order to gain the administration of his estate.

From the inventory it can be seen that although Leonard Fawcett kept two cows and a pig, his main interest was in weaving samoran, the yarn for which, valued at £6, was the most expensive item listed in the whole inventory. Note also his 'Towe Lowmes and a webb in one of them'.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable which late belonged to Leonard Fawcett of Knareborough deceased valued and appraised by William Whaire Robert Inchbald Lawrence Cundall and Marmaduke Hutton 21 October, 1598.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis Town kye	3	0	0
Item one pig		5	0
Item one stepefat & kylne heires	10	0	
Item samoran yearne	6	0	0
Item one Coberte	10	0	

Item 15 pece of puther & six sawcers	13	4
Item one kettle thre lyttle panes & a litle bras pot	10	0
Item Towe Candlestickes six spones and One salt	1	8
Item One little standing bord towe formes Towe stooles One old chaire Towe quishinges One greate skeile One little gallon One paire of tonges One Reckon with other huslement in the hall house	1	3 4
Item One paire of bedstockes and Towe Chistes	3	0
Item Fower Coverlettes	6	8
Item thre paires of sheetes Towe Codwaires towel Napkins and a towell in the parlour	6	8
Item all his apparell	13	4
Item in his purse	2	0
Item Towe Lowmes and a webb in one of them and all his working geare belonginge thereto	10	0
Item certaine Hay	13	4
Item in wood	2	0
Item certaine peate & turfes	1	0
Item all other huslement in the house		

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PETER HARDCASTLE OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1599

This inventory is written on a folded sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which measures 12 in. x 8 in., which forms part of a file of wills and inventories presented at Sir Henry Slingsby's court of the manor of Beechill. The following inventory was presented at the court by Matilda Hardcastle, widow of the deceased, in order to obtain the administration of his estate.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable which late belonged to Peter Hardcastell late of Tentergayte deceased valued and appraised by Robert Inchbald Henry Ellet Ralph Wilkes and George West 20th October 29 Elizabeth I [1599].

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis One Cowe	2	2	0
Item One Coberte		6	0
Item One Dishecall		1	0
Item Thre pannes and a bras pott	10		0
Item one Cressett a broile Iron & a Chafin dishe		1	4
Item 6 doblers		4	0
Item towe sawcers & thre sates			5
Item 2 candelstickes			6
Item bordes & chaires		1	0
Item quishiones			6
Item a flaske a stande a gallon & other huslement		2	0
Item a Reckon		1	0
Item Tre Chistes		3	0
Item a kymbling & a tubb		3	0
Item other huslement in the chamber		1	4
Item his apparell		6	8
Item wood & peates		7	0

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JOHN WEBSTER OF KNARESBOROUGH, TAILOR, 1602

This inventory is written on a folded sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which measures 8 in. x 12 in. and which forms part of a file of wills and inventories presented at Sir Henry Slingsby's court of the manor of Beechill. The following inventory was presented by Richard Webster, John's brother, and Robert Harrison (who were both named as executors in his will of 1602) in order to gain the administration of his estate. Although John Webster is described as a tailor in his will, there is little evidence for his practising this trade in his inventory, the only unusual items listed being 18 ley of hemp yarn and 3 yards of hemp cloth.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable which were late belonging to John Webster late of Knaresborough deceased valued and appraised by George West Richard Gibson Joshua Woodall and Peter Emonson 2nd April 1602.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis all his apparell	13	4	
Item one Coberte	6	8	
Item Towe stand bedes	7	0	
Item thre pottes	10	0	
Item one pan	3	4	
Item Towe basinges	2	0	
Item Neine puther Dublers	4	0	
Item One Frying pan One Cresset Towe Candlestickes and Towe knyves	1	6	
Item One Chafindishe	1	0	
Item one spit		3	
Item thre yeardes of hemp clothe	2	0	
Item towe yeres	2	0	
Item One Codwaire		4	
Item 18 ley of hemp yearne	1	1	
Item six Coverlettes 4 Codes towe blankettes one paire of sheetes and Fower quishinges	1	8	
Item one gimling One barrell one stand & other huslement	5	0	
Item towe bordes and thre stoles	1	0	
Item towe paire of sheetes towe paire of pott kilpes a skymmer One paire of tonges		8	
Item towe Arkes towe Chistes	6	8	
Item all other huslement in the house	3	4	

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ALICE NETTLETON OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1602

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper folded lengthways to measure 8 in. x 12 in.

It was presented at the court of Sir Henry Slingsby's manor of Beechill by Mathew Baistoe, named as the executor in Alice Nettleton's will of 3 April, 1602, in order that he might be granted the administration of her estate.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable which late belonged to Alice Nettleton late of Tenter-

gayte deceased valued and appraised by Peter Kyghley William Wilkes Thomas Kyrkman and Lowrence Cundall 12th day of July 44 Elizabeth I [1602].

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis Towe kye	3	0	0
Item One swyne	10	0	
Item one longe table & towe formes	8	0	
Item Towe litle tables with Covering 4 chares, seaven buffett stoles and towe litle stooles	8	0	
Item salt fleshe	14	0	
Item Tow Iron rackes towe spittes, a driping pan a broile Iron & towe litle bird spittes	5	0	
Item one axe & a hatchett	1	0	
Item a brasing Morter & a pestle	4	0	
Item a frying pan a Chafin dishe towe paire of pott hookes towe chopping knives & a fleshe hooke	4	0	
Item one greate bras pot	8	0	
Item towe lesser pottes	6	0	
Item thre kettles & a skimer	10	0	
Item Fower Little pannes	2	0	
Item Towe kittes of salt butter	6	8	
Item one old Ambrye	2	0	
Item One Chiste one old Arke Towe kymlyins and one salt fishe	8	0	
Item Thre tubbes thre standes Towe old Barrelles thre skeles One Chirne Milke bowles and other huslement	12	0	
Item salt kytts and salt	2	8	
Item her purse and all her appall	2	0	0
Item A standing bed with a Fether bed a Mattresse towe blankettes a bed Coveringe a long bolster Towe short bolsteres Towe pillowes One paire of sheetes One Irishe Mantle with Curtaines and furniture aboute the bed	2	0	0
Item one trendle bed with a Fether bed a Mattres and all furniture thereto belonging	1	0	0
Item one other trendle bed a Mattres towe blankettes a Coverlett a pair of sheetes & a Cod	15	0	
Item a Chist a Coffe & a long Flanders Chist	6	8	
Item a basing with all putther vessell in the house	17	0	
Item 7 quishinges	4	0	
Item thre glasses		6	
Item six silver spones	1	0	0
Item 8 lynnens sheetes 4 harden sheetes 4 table napkins & 6 Pillowbers	2	0	0

Item one stand bed a fetherbed a Mattresse a bolster Towe blankettes a bed Coveringe a coverlett & Towe litle formes	I	6	8
Item thre litle bords One old Tubb Towe shelves with hingers and other huslement	I	0	0
Item wheate and Rye	I	0	0
Item in Malte	9	0	
Item in peas	I	4	
Item a bushell a peck & a half peck	I	4	
Item wood in the garthe	10	0	
Item in peates	5	0	
Item Fower Stees a swynetroughe and a Barrowe	2	4	
Item hay in the Barne	5	0	
Item hay in the Cloze	I	0	0
Item Manure aboute the house	3	0	
Item parsneppes and Onyons	10	0	
Item huslement aboute all the house	2	0	

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LIONEL RAYNER OF ECCLESHILL, 1612

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum of two membranes measuring $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. x 3 ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.

The earliest documentary reference to Lionel Rayner occurs in 1592, when he is listed as being the constable of Eccleshill for the manor of Wakefield. A few years later, in 1610, he again appears in the manorial records, as he was then fined 6*d.* for neglecting to repair a gate at the end of the house of George Stubley.¹ By the late summer of 1612 he had contracted a fatal illness, making his will on the 5th of August of that year, and dying a few weeks later. His will was proved at York, 10 February, 1612-13.

The house of the Rayners of Eccleshill is now demolished, but William Cudworth recorded that near the workhouse 'stood, a low, tumble-down building bearing this inscription over the doorway; 'Zachariah Rayner' (the date is illegible; it is either 1594 or 1694)', on p. 352 of his 'Round About Bradford' of 1876.

¹ J. H. Turner, *Historic Notices of Shipley, Idle and District* (1901), p. 8; and *Proceedings of Bradford Antiquarian Society* (New Series), Vol. I (19), p. 155.

From the inventory it will be seen that Lionel Rayner was quite prosperous, for he farmed extensively, owning a wide range of livestock and large stores of hay and grain, and also processed his wool into cloth. Note the wool and baskets in the little parlour, the trestles and combs in the kitchen, and the looms, wool, and cloth in the chambers.

A true and perfect **INVENTORY** of all the goods, Cattells Chattells and credditts of Lionel Rayner late of Eckilshill within the dioces of York Deceased, prised the 15th day of September in the yeare of our Lord god 1612 and in the Tenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faithe and of Scotland the VIth by us Thomas Ledgerd Thomas Walker William Kitching, and William Forsett, as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse with golde and silver therein .	9	2	6
Item all his apparrell & 5 yeards of cloth .	2	0	0

In the upper parlour

Imprimis one counter	10	0
Item one Cupbord	13	4
Item one livery Cupbord	6	8
Item three chests	9	4
Item two Chayres one tristle one buffitt stoole 9 quissings and 2 boxes	16	4
Item one litle rainge	6	0
Item three payre of linnen sheets	9	0
Item two towells and 14 table napkins	8	0
Item 7 pillowbeares & 3 Bord Clothes	12	8
Item one trinle bedd & one coverlett	6	8

In the litle parlour adjoining

Item one pare of bedstocks 2 coverletts a pare of blanketts a pare of sheets and two short coddcs	6	0
Item one Cupbord and one arke	10	0
Item six pound of woole two basketts and one tubb .	3	6

In the hall house

Item one long table and one long furram	13	4
Item one Counter & two tristles	12	0
Item one round table five chayres 9 quishings and one buffitt stoole	16	0

Item 9 pewther dublers 5 sawsers 12 porrengers foure salts a nest of pewter tunnes, 6 brazen Candlesticks a pestle & a mortor, 2 flower Cupps 1 pewther cup with a cover 2 pewther candlesticks and a pewther bottle .	2	0	0
Item seaven silver spoones	1	4	0
Item one Cupbord	1	10	0
Item one rainge with potter tongs and briggs	10	0	
Item one Bible	6	0	

In the lower parlour

Item 1 pare of bedstocks a mattris 1 bolster a pare of blanketts & a coverlett	12	6	
Item 2 arks and a knead trough	8	0	
Item one litle table and a furram	1	6	
Item one old kymlin a swinetubb one old tub three hive pitches one scyve two haver ridles	2	2	
Item one stroke a pork & halfe a pork and a hopper	3	0	
Item 7 sacks, and a windowcloth	9	4	

In the Kitching

Item two great pannes 2 old pannes one litle panne 2 prigg pannes & a dripping panne	2	13	0
Item 6 brasse potts	2	4	0
Item one rainge and a Broyling Iron	5	8	
Item two tristles and a pare of combes	2	4	
Item 3 kitts, two flasketts, a chyrne 2 scyles a cheese fatt & other huslements	4	0	
Item three spitts potkilpes and racks	3	4	
Item one arke a cheese presse two wheeles & a pare of wooden racks	4	0	

In the Chamber over the howse

Item one standbedd a trinle bedd a fetherbedd a coverlett a blankett a mattris and two bolsters	1	6	2
Item two chists, and a Chayre	10	0	
Item one great panne	1	3	4
Item three wimbles, five sickles two ridles and two scyves and all other huslement in the chamber	19	0	
Item matt	10	0	

In the chamber over the parlour

Item one standbedd with a tester two coverletts one bolster a short codd and a fetherbedd	2	4	4
Item one pare of bedstocks three short coddess, and a coverlett	16	2	

Item one table an old counter and a chayre . . .	6	0
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In the litle Chamber adjoining

Item foure stones of wolfe and 2 stone of fethers . . .	2	8	0
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Item 4 yeards of gray clothe	7	0
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In the chamber over the Kitching

Item one pare of loomes with furniture	16	0
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Item one picke and coverlett with furniture	1	6	8
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Item wodde for [?] & pannell [?] speakes, 2 mowldbreads 3 axle trees and other wodde in the chamber	1	6	8
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Item one stand bedd at Thomas Burneleyes	9	0
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In the buttry

Item one old Cupbord and tenne pewther dublers, five sawsers two brazen candlesticks two chafing dishes two salts one Chamber pott and one pint pott	1	8	6
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Item 11 old pewther dublers three bazens three sawsers a broyle Iron, a brazen broyle Iron, and a skimmer	19	0
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Item one pare of Chopping knives a frying panne & a striking knife	2	4
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Item 2 backstones & a kneading trough	2	0
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Item foure stands a tristle and the long thick bord under the window & other huslement	6	8
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Item in flesh at the balks	5	0
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In the fold

Item one wayne and a Cowpe and 2 pare of Iron bound wheeles	4	13	4
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Item foure teames of Iron, bolt, and shackles	7	0
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Item five yokes with furniture	5	0
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Item certaine bordes	10	0
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Item one plough and plough Irons	6	8
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Item two harrowes	5	0
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Item one wayne, a cowpe, and an axle tree	5	0
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Item all the manurie & asses	2	0	0
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Item all the wodde in the fold together with all the axes, malls, hatchetts, Iron forkes and other huslement belonging to husbandry	6	8
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In the laythe

Item two long lathers	3	0
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Item 6 daies work of wheat, and rye and 14 daies work of otes	22	0	0
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Item 22 lodes of hay	15	0	0
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Item 6 oxen	21	0	0
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Item foure stotts	7	6	8
Item 7 kine and a bull	15	0	0
Item three quyes five stirks and a calfe	10	2	0
Item 54 sheepe	10	16	0
Item 18 lambes	1	16	0
Item two mares	4	6	8
Item two swyne	1	4	0
Item 6 geese 8 hennes & a cock		8	0

Debts owing to the saide testator

Imprimis William Wayde for a mare	2	13	4
Item of Nicholas Rayner	3	0	0
Item of John Vickerson		10	0
Item of Sir Richard Tempest	11	0	0

TOTAL £183 9 1

Debts owing by the saide testator

Item Edward Watson	4	0	0
Item Robert Stodward	6	0	0
Item Beatrice Armytage		10	0
Item to the children of Robert Rayner	3	0	0
Item to Margaret Brooke	1	0	0

TOTAL 14 10 0

Seen & Examined for the value of this inventory November 1612
by me John Wilson, Pontefract, clerk.

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**GEORGE BESWICK OF GT. GRISTHORPE,
YEOMAN, 1612**

This inventory is written on a vellum roll of two membranes which measures 5½ in. x 2 ft. 5½ in.

George Beswick of Great Gristhorpe near Filey was the head of the large Beswick family which had held Gristhorpe Hall and its surrounding estates from the early sixteenth century.¹ Unfortunately little is known of his personal life, and his birth and wedding presumably took place before the commencement of the extant Filey parish registers in 1573. It is known, however, that he was buried at Filey in September 1612, his will being made on 23

¹ T. Whelan, *History and Topography of the City of York and the North Riding* (1859), Vol. 2, p. 901.

January, 1609, and proved at York on 22 April, 1613. The closing lines of this inventory illustrate particularly clearly the process of dividing the whole estate into three parts for the wife, the children, and the 'death part' for the executors and legacies, respectively. Similar documentation giving full details of an estate split up in this manner is given after the inventory of John Thornhill on p. 13.

As the inventory of his grandson (?) Bryan Beswick is also in the Yorkshire Archaeological Society's archives, both inventories are discussed together on p. 153.

THE INVENTORYE of all the Goodes and Chatles moveable and unmoveable of George Beswick of Great Gristhropp within the dioces of yorke yeoman deceased prised by fower honest men vidz. Nicholas Hobson [?], Thomas Franke Ralph Permorke & Christopher Conyer the first day of October Anno dm 1612.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis the Defunctis purse & apparrell	13	4	
Item a bedsted with beddinge belonginge the same	1	4	0
Item a great flaundres Chest	10	0	
Item a Coffe a stone troughe with other ymplements	2	0	
Item a bedsted one feather bed & all other furniture to the same	1	10	0
Item 3 paire of Lyneinge sheetes 3 pillivers 2 towels one old Carpet Cloth for a table & 4 paire of harden sheetes	1	13	4
Item 4 Trinke stands a Chest a sey a skep 3 skeles 2 stands & a goose Cawell	12	0	
Item a Cobbord a trindle bed with furniture & other ymple- ments in the Inner parlor	1	13	4
Item 4 brasse potts a latten bason 2 panns one old frye- inge pann with other ymplements and turves	3	0	0
Item an other bed where the Children lyeth	6	8	
Item in the hall house 2 tables 2 formes 2 frames a landsele there shelves 2 Chaires a large brasse pott a pann a Callever with furniture a gallowe balke with Crookes & certaine seylinges 2 spits 6 Chushinges a paire of bellowes a mustard stonn	4	0	0
Item in the Chamber above the hall, wayne lyneinge certaine teames with other ymplements there	1	0	0
Item in the farr Chamber certaine puther Candlestickes 3 Chestes Chesfats trenchers a kymlen servants bed with furniture	2	6	8
Item in the stable and oxen house a servant bedd hacke & manger all the wood within that house & Cable roope	1	6	8

Item a Chest in the Mylne a bushell a gavlock and milne pickes	4	0	
Item a kymlen a kneddinge troughe with other ymplements	6	0	
Item waynes and Cowpes	6	5	0
Item one milne Ashtree a mill wand and a milne whipp	1	6	8
Item all the wood in the garth & helme	3	0	0
Item 4 oxe harrowes	1	0	0
Item in the Kowhouse sixe plowes with a payre of yrons 2 head yockes with shackle & bolt	1	0	0
Item a lead of yockes 3 teames 2 payres of horse draughtes & 2 shackles	1	0	0
Item 46	10	10	0
Item all the Corne and hay on the Farme	50	0	0
Item 8 oxen	19	0	0
Item 4 meares a foale a colt a filley yeareinge foales or stagges	16	0	0
Item a stone horse given by legacye	3	6	8
Item a branded Whey by legacye	1	10	0
Item 12 spoones		6	8
Item 6 kyne & 7 younge beastes	15	10	0
Item a Read Kowe given by legacye	2	0	0
Item 8 hens 5 duckes and 2 Cockes	5	0	0
Item 14 geese		11	8
Item 6 swyne 2 siethes & a calf	2	0	0
Item 9 yearinge calves	2	10	0
Item a mylneston roope & sheep barrs		5	0

Debts oweinge to the Testator

Imprimis Chrystopher Agar and George Cooke	7	9	0
Item Edward Robinson of Claughton	10	0	0

Sum of goods and debts	178	5	8
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Debts owein by the Testator

Imprimis to Mr Hobman	1	0	0
Item to Bryan Foster	1	0	0
Item to William Munckman	1	12	3
Item to Lanclote Greene	1	1	0
Item to Michaell Stevenson	18	8	
Item to Robert Jordan	9	9	
Item to Emmott Barman	12	0	
Item to Barbarey Burnet	14	1	
Item to John Robson	1	2	

Item to Samuel Hodgshon	.	.	.	.	4	0
Item to Thomas Dickanson	.	.	.	.	6	
Item for one measure of Malt	.	.	.	.	5	0
Item to Michael West	.	.	.	.	6	0
Item to William Egles	.	.	.	.	4	
Item to John Moone	.	.	.	.	3	
Item to John Storr for Malt	.	.	.	.	5	0
Item to John Weatherell	.	.	.	.	10	0 0
Item to his owne Children given by ther grandmother storr	.	.	.	.	12	0 0
Item to John Storr	.	.	.	.
Dew to Elizabeth Beswick children given likewise by the Crawne [?]	.	.	.	.	12	0 0
Item to Robert Jordan	2	10 0
Item to Jeremy Readhead	4	0
Item to George Shaw	3	
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Sum of debts	44	13 2
Soe Remaneth Cleare the debts beinge paid	133	11 6

Being devyded into 3 parts

Wherof the wief her third therof is	.	.	.	.	44	10 6
The second part amonge the Children which is like the wife	.	.	.	.	44	10 6
The third part the death part for payeinge the legacies & for the executors	.	.	.	.	44	10 6
Item for the probacen and other things	.	.	.	.	19	0
Item to the Moorey [?]	.	.	.	.	3	4
Item for indorshing the wills an Inventere and wryting other things	10	0
Item the mortuarye	10	0

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THOMAS OLDFIELD OF BOWDE, YEOMAN, 1613

This inventory is written on a vellum roll measuring $19\frac{3}{4}$ in.
x $4\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Thomas Oldfield, son of Thomas Oldfield of Cliff Hill, Halifax,
is described as being of Stock Lane, Warley, when made an

executor of his father's will in 1581. Presumably he was in his majority at this time, for the Halifax parish registers record the baptism of his two sons Jonas and Thomas in 1579 and 1585 respectively. Thomas served for some time as one of the head graves for Warley, and in the grave list of 1608 he is listed as holding a messuage called Stock Lane, and another messuage near the same, together with one James Bolton, a shear-maker.¹ In his will, dated 14 November, 1612, and proved at York on 14 March, 1614, he described himself as being 'of Stocklay, the elder, yeoman', leaving no doubt as to his place of residence.

The present Stock Lane House, Warley (SE 063252), was rebuilt by Thomas's grandson James in 1633, the magnificent gritstone porch bearing the inscription '1633 J.A.O.' for James Oldfield and his wife Alice.

A true **INVENTARIE** of all the goods Chattels and Debts of Thomas Oldfeild of Bowde deceased prized the first day of September 1613 by James Murgatroide Thomas Oldfeild John Oldfeild and Christopher Oldfeild as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Inprimis his apparrell	3	0	0
Item his girdle & money in his purse	8	8	0
Item 6 coverletts	1	13	4
Item 4 blankitts		6	8
Item one old fether bed		6	8
Item one old mattresse		3	4
Item one meale Arke	10	0	
Item one Chist		2	0
Item other two coverlitts	1	0	0
Item 16 peeces of pewter and other pewter	1	10	0
Item 2 chafing dishes 3 candlesticks one mortar and a pestill		10	0
Item 3 pannes and a prigg		13	4
Item a pott of brasse		3	4
Item a paire of bedstockes		2	0
Item one mare		16	8
Item one Cowe	2	6	8
Item haie	2	0	0
Item fogg		13	4
Item a bible and a testament a Dixonarie & other bookes	1	0	0
Item husslement		2	0
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Sum	21	19	6

¹ T. Sutcliffe, 'Stock Lane House and the Oldfield Family' in *Transactions of the Halifax Antiquarian Society* (1915), p. 249.

Debts inward

Item Daniell & Anthony Foxcroft	.	.	.	109	0	0
Item Daniell Foxcroft	.	.	.	54	10	0
Item John Mawde of Bothom	.	.	.	39	12	0
Item John Crowther and John Hopkinson	.	.	.	54	10	0
Item George Fairbanck	.	.	.	22	0	0
Item John Greenwood	.	.	.	21	16	0
Item John Crowther	.	.	.	20	18	0
Item George Oldfeild	.	.	.	10	18	0
Item of Richard Gregson	.	.	.	14	12	0
Item of George Oldfeild aforsaid	.	.	.	2	0	0
Item of John Crowther	.	.	.	5	10	0
Item of Michael Oldfeild	.	.	.	2	10	0
Item of Israel Dodsworth	.	.	.	8	16	0
Item of George Fairbanck	.	.	.	6	0	0
Item of William Bancroft	.	.	.	2	14	0
Item at Heptonstall	.	.	.	1	0	0
Item of Isaac Wormall	.	.	.	2	0	0
Item of Matthew Sutcliffe	.	.	.		10	0
Item of the wife of Richard Shawe	.	.	.		7	0
Item of Michael Oldfeild	.	.	.	1	13	4
Item due from John Greenwood	.	.	.	10	13	0
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Sum of the debts	.	.	.	391	8	4
Sum total	.	.	.	413	7	10

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GEORGE WEST OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1625

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which has been folded lengthways to measure $7\frac{3}{4}$ in. x $11\frac{1}{2}$ in.

It was presented at Sir Thomas Slingsby's court of the manor of Beechill by his executors to gain the administration of his estate as he had died intestate. The inventory shows that although he kept a number of cows and pigs, his main source of income was either malting or spinning hemp yarn.

AN INVENTORY of the goods & Chattels of George West of Knar[esboro] lately Deceased, pryzed 8th of July, 1625.

Imprimis his purse & apparrell

In the Hall	£	s.	d.
Item 2 Cubbords	1	6	8
Item a brazen mortar with a pestell and brass potts 2 brasse Candlesticks and a latton laddle	1	1	0
Item 2 kettles and 4 old panns	1	13	4
Item 4 spitts	1	0	0
Item 2 iron ranges a pair of iron karkes 2 reckins a paire of tonges a pair of potkeles and a pair of bellows	1	0	0
Item 11 pewther doublers 3 sawcers 2 pewther Candle- sticks and a salt	18		0
Item a little table 2 chairs 2 buffitt stools an halbard and other huslement	8		5

Chamber over parlour

Item 3 axes 8 iron wedges 2 sawes 2 arkes, horsse heames and spaid and other iron tools	16		0
Item 2 bushells of wheat and 2 bushells of misldgen	14		4
Item 5 railes and seven wheeles 2 old syths	7		0
Item 12 rails 700 latts 6 axletrees 6 girthes	16		0
Item 1 gunlin and one ark 2 dow troughs 2 temples and charhings	10		0

In the Chamber over the low parlour

Item 4 bushells of meal	13		4
Item a longe ladder 2 planks and 24 stooks anth other wood and turves etc.	8		0
Item a malt grater 1 bushel 4 old sacks etc	5	13	4

In the great parlour

Item one long table and a forme	16		0
Item 4 chests	6		0
Item a truckle bed 2 coverlettes 1 blanket a mattrise a pillow	10		0
Item a pair of tables with boxes etc	1		6
Item in the low parlour 2 bedsteds 2 fetherbedds with furniture and a little table etc	1	13	4
Item a masfatt and gyldfatt and 2 old tubbs and a pott of butter	13		4
Item in the buttery 8 stands 1 pewther chaffing dishe drinking pannes and other things	16		0

Item a steep fatt a pair of killhires a window cloth .	16	0
Item 26 scoor gysts and other coup timber . .	12	0
Item in the stable 2 troughes 100 latts a fork and a shovle	3	0
Item in the yard wood manor and two swyne troughes .	1	12 0
Item certain slaits	12	0
Item 2 kyne	4	6 8

In the New Hoose

Item a stock of bees and a . . . and certain breckons .	12	0
Item 4 posts a ladder and a wheele	9	0
Item 10 stones of Hemp-yarne	15	0
Item certain hay turves and wood at Paleys . .	10	0
Item 3 saddles	8	0

[Total] 35 3 6

Item a sow and 2 stotts	1	0 0
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Debtes owinge to the deceased

Imprimis Wm Wayd of Tentergarth for a black horse

died at Martinmas	2	9 6
Item Peter Thorpps	19	0
Item John Hay for Michailde Burnt	1	0 0
Item George Fawcett	5	0
Item Peter Marston for a bushell of malt	2	6

[Total] 6 17 0

Total 42 0 6

Anthony Wrightson
 Peter Thorpe [mark]
 John Smithe [mark]
 Francis Richardson

In the Lord have I trusted may I never be confounded.

DD 56 F1

ANTHONY WOOD OF TENTERGATE, FELTMAKER, 1632

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which is folded lengthways to measure 5 in. x 1 ft. 3 in.

This inventory was presented at the court of Sir Thomas Slingsby's manor of Beechill, together with the deceased's will of 2 June, 1632, by Anthony Wood's widow, in order to obtain the administration of her husband's estate. The house itself appears to have been rather small and poorly furnished, but the main interest of this inventory is its account of the workhouse with its simple felt-making equipment.

THE INVENTORY of the Goods and Chattells of Anthony Wood, laite of Tentergait within the townshipp of Scriven in the Countie of York feltmaker Deceased prayesd by Peter Thorpe, Francis Richardson William Conyers and Robert West the Sixteenth day of July Anno Domini 1632 as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse and his apparell	3	6	8

In the hall house

Item One cupboard one litle table three litle fourmes two chaires two stooles and fower quissions	17	4	
Item one Iron Rainge two Iron reckons one paire of tongs, one paire of pottkilps one spitt and one old chaifing dishe	6	4	
Item one wood Ax, one fryinge pann, one litle stone mortar and one Iron pestle and one paire of Bellowes	3	0	
Item one litle Brasse pott thre pannes and two brasse Candlesticks	9	6	
Item two pewther dublers six pewther spoones and one litle pewther salt	1	6	
Item thre skeeles, one flaskett one soa one litle dish two skailles six trenchers with other woodden huslement in the said house	4	7	

In the parloure

Item one paire of beddstocks one flocke bed two Doublets one Blanckett and thre litle boulsters with painted clothes	1	2	0
Item one panneld chest two pairs of sheets one pillowboa one table Cloathe one chaire with other huslements	16	0	

In the Milkhouse

Item eight milke bowles one kneadinge troughe two litle Barrells fower litle . . . and two sacks with other huslement	5	0	
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In the Chamber

Item one paire of bedstocks on Matterisse one doublett
 three boulsters one Cimlinge with other huslement . 12 0

In the Workhouse

Item two bowes two hurdles one plancke one dozen of
 blocks one furnace as it stands in the house and thre
 tressells 13 0

Item one Iron forke one shodd Shovell, and one shodd
 spaid with other huslement 2 0

In the backside

Item fire wood and coales and one ladder . . . 1 0 0

Item the fruits and grasse in the garths . . . 9 0

Item certain mainure for the backside . . . 1 4

Item one Cowe 15 0

Total 12 8 2

Peter Thorpe
 Francis Richardson
 William Conyers
 Robart West

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WIDOW COOK OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1635

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper measuring $12\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 x $7\frac{3}{4}$ in.

It was presented at the court of Sir Thomas Slingsby's manor of Beechill by her executors in order to gain the administration of her estate. The inventory gives the impression of a household which has formerly been quite prosperous. The furniture is of a fairly good standard, as indicated by the 'cubberd with a head one itt with fower doors', etc., but there are no details of the weaving or farming activities which must have been practised here previously.

A NOTE of what goods ar in the house laite Widdowe Cooks taken and prized the first of February 1635.

In the Hall House

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis one longe table and longe settle with one litle table		10	0
Item sixteen doublers, eight saucers and one porringer 29s.	1	9	0
Item two pewther candlesticks two brasse candlesticks two single salts, one double salt one beaker, one pewther boule and one Bottle		80	0
Item one cubberd with a head one itt with fower doores	1	0	0
Item one Pottell, 8 panns and one brasse pott	2	13	4
Item three chaires, two stooles one litle table		4	6
Item one Iron Rainge, one Reckon, one spitt, one paire of tongs, one Iron wedge, and one Iron forke		7	0

In the Fronte Parloure

Item one stand bedd with a tester, one stand bedd with a painted Cloth and one truckle bedd	2	10	0
Item two paineld Chests and two plaine Chests		15	0
Item three coverletts, two blanketts, two boulsters, one Matterice, one Chaire, one forme and one stoole	2	13	4

In the back Parloure

Item one bedstead one Matterice, one coverlett, one boulster and two pillowes	1	10	0
Item one longe table with a fraime		6	8

In the Chamber

Item one Arke one Kimlinge with other hustlement there		6	8
Item two pairs of sheets and one table cloth		8	0

Total	12	2	6
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John . . .

William Wincopp

Richard West

John Roundell

Miles Yeadon

Richard Norfolke

DD 56 F3

ROBERT WEST OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1637

This inventory, written on a folded sheet of paper bearing an ewer water-mark, measures 15 in. x 12 in.

It was presented at the court of Sir Thomas Slingsby's manor of Beechill by Beatrice, widow of the deceased, in order that she might be admitted to the administration of her husband's estate, as he had died intestate.

THE INVENTORY of all the goods and chattels of Robert West of Knaresbrough in the County of York deceased taken and praised by John Warryner Marmaduke Exilby William Exilby and George Woodd the Seventeenth day of March Anno Domini 1637 13 Charles I.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse and apparrell	4	0	0

In his parlour where he lay

Item one stand bedstead one fether bedd one greene rugg three coverletts three blanketts one sheet one matteris one bolster two pillowes fower curtains and one chest	6	0	0
Item one truckle bedstead one matteris one pillowe two coverletts one paire of sheets	1	0	0
Item one bed ticke	10	0	0
Item one longe table two joined formes 20s. one little square table one joined Chair one little joined stoole twelve Cushings and one curtain for the windows .	2	0	0
Item Lynnen fower paire of sheets and one old sheete two table clothes	2	0	0
Item one Cheese wth other huslements	2	0	0

In the Hall house

Item one Cubbert 10s. one longe table one litle table five buffett stooles five chaires 40s.	2	10	0
Item tenn Cushings	6	8	0
Item two kettles seven pannes and one brasse pott .	2	10	0
Item one Iron rainge two paire of tongs two iron reckons one dripping pann and other huslements	1	0	0
Item Six beefe flickes with other peeces	2	10	0

In the little chamber

Item 22 . . . of pewther 4 Candlesticks three little pewther bowles one chamber pott and six spoones	2	10	0
Item fower Chests one deske on kymlin one salt kitt one stand		10	0
Item three paire of sheets and one odd sheet	1	0	0
Item one bushell of Maslin one bushell of wheat meal and certain other meale with other huslements		10	0

In the Chamber at the Staire head

Item one stand bedstead one matteris one paire of sheets one yellow rugg and one pillowe	1	0	0
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In the great Chamber and Church yard Chamber

Item one windowe cloth one spinning wheele one paire of Iron racks one dowgh troffe and one barrell with other huslements		10	0
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In the Wood Chamber and kiln Chamber

Item woodd peat and turfe and other huslement	3	0	0
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In the kitchinge

Item one brewinge Copper fower tubbs two stands two kitts one bushell one stone troffe on stand beddstad with other huslements	4	0	0
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In the Buttery

Item fower stands nyne barrells one guilefatt with copper and ale	2	13	4
Item two flaggons one pewther pann twenty Wooden panns certayn cupps and skales and wooden bowles two little brasse ladles one spoone one frying pann two smoothing irons one little pann and Chopping like other huslements			—

In the Coale house

Item Coales and other huslements	3	0	0
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In the garth

Item wood and mayner	3	0	0
Item two swyne eleaven henns and other huslements	1	6	8

Total	49	8	8
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Debts owinge by the Testator

Item owing by Robert Butterfield	40s.
Item owing by William Browne	40s.
Item owing by Jeremy Thorpe	20s.
Item owing by John Millett	30s.
Item owing by George Woodd	20s.
Item owing by Anthony Woodd	10s.
Item owing by Thomas Robinson	18 <i>d.</i>
Item owing by Richard Valey	4s.
Item owing by Mathewe Gailes	4s.
Item owing by Thomas Browne	10 <i>d.</i>
Item owing by Richard Gibson	20 <i>d.</i>
Item owing by William Halliday	20s.

£9 12 5*d.*

John Warriner
Marmaduke Exilby
George Wood
William Exilby

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GEORGE WENTWORTH OF BRETTON, 1638

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper bearing a heart water-mark and measuring $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. x 1 ft. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.

George Wentworth was the son of Mathew Wentworth of Bretton and Dorothy, daughter of Richard Charlesworth of Totties. Baptised at Silkstone on 23 April, 1576, he later matriculated from Magdalen Hall, Oxford, on 1 February, 1593-4, before completing his studies at the Middle Temple. A few years later, on 1 October, 1599, he married Margaret, daughter of John Ashburnham of Asburnham at the parish church of Ashburnham, co. Sussex, returning thence to Bretton, where he died in 1638, being buried at Silkstone on 9 June of that year. His inventory shows that he farmed extensively, concentrating on growing crops in preference to sheep or cattle, but it is particularly noticeable that no ploughs,

wains, or oxen are listed. Presumably these were either overlooked, or else they were included in the £6 of timber and miscellanea in the yard. The house mentioned here is possibly that of Sir Thomas Wentworth senior (see p. 145), and it is extremely likely that the bed and cupboard listed in his 1542 inventory were now 'In the Inner parlor' for, being fixtures, they would not be listed in this inventory. Their presence is implied, however, by the 'Cuartaines with vallance & cubard cloth' contained in this room.

A true **INVENTORY** made of all the goodes of George Wentworth of Bretton deceased prised by Richard Crawshaw Robert Waterhouse Thomas Ellis and Thomas Marsden.

	£	s.	d.
Inprimis his purse and apparrell	60	0	0
Item Plate	50	0	0
Item Manure in the foulds	6	13	4
Item wheate on the grounde at Bretton 6 acres	22	0	0
Item Rie and wheate at Bulcliffe 20 acres	50	0	0
Item Oates 68 acres at 40s. per acre	136	0	0
Item Barly 2 acres per est.	8	0	0
Item Corne in the garners wheate 27 loades	22	19	0
Item Rie 2 loades	1	12	0
Item Shillinge fold 8 loades	8	14	0
Item Greate fould 7 loades	6	18	6
Item Pease fould 2 loades	1	4	0
Item Oates in the garners 11 quarters	11	0	0
Item Oatemeale in the Chamber 8 quarters	8	0	0
	403	0	10

Horses

Item one grissell geldinge	13	6	8
Item one bay coult	7	0	0
Item one ould blacke nagg	3	0	0
Item 2 drought mares	4	13	4
Item Hay in the Barne 45 loades	30	0	0
Item Boards railes puncheons and other tymber	6	0	0
Item Workehouse parlor and Bedsteade	1	6	

In the Baptry parlor

2 bedsteades 3 chistes 2 litle tables 2 chaires and cubord	2	0	0
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In the old Nursery

one old Cubbard and bedstead and kanapy	1	0	0
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In the old Parlor

1 table 15 chaires & 8 stooles	3	0	0
Item 3 other chaires fire poyte and a range	15	0	

In the New parlor

4 chaires one litle table	1	3	4
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In the Inner parlor

one litle table 3 chaires & one little buffet stoole	11	0	
Item one paire of Cuartaines with vallance & cubard cloth	2	0	0

In the Inner Roome

Item one Canopy bed one Skreene 2 chaires	6	8	
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Sum 74 17 6

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In the Closet within the parlor

Item 2 chistes 1 bord 3 boxes	5	0	
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In the Hall

Item one range 1 table 1 chaire 1 forme	1	16	8
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In the Kitchyn

too severall thinges	4	3	4
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In the Larder

one forme & certaine shelves	5	0	
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In the Kitchinge chamber

for thinges there	1	16	8
Item one Bras pott & 2 stills	1	10	0
Item 2 kete panns	1	16	8
Item 2 ketles 4 priges	1	10	0
Item one warminge pann	5	6	
Item one range	10	0	
Item one perper milne	10	0	
Item salt beefe and lard	2	10	0
Item salte	8	0	

In the Milkehouse

Item all the vessells belonging it	3	6	8
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In the Brewhouse

Item one leade	6	13	4
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In the Boltinghouse

Item sacks	1	6	8
Item old tubs and hogshedes	10	0	

In the Buttery

Item hogshedes	2	0	0
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Sum 31 3 6

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**WILL PLASE OF KNARESBOROUGH,
163--**

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper measuring $7\frac{3}{4}$ in. x 12 in.

It was presented at the court of Sir Thomas Slingsby's manor of Beechill by his executors in order to gain the administration of his estate. Will Plase appears to have been extremely poor by comparison with his neighbours, his household goods barely being sufficient for a reasonable standard of living by contemporary standards. His furniture was limited to a table, a form, two chairs and four chests (no bed being listed), while a spinning wheel, three spades, and an axe probably indicate his only source of income.

AN INVENTORY of the goods of Will Plase late deceased.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Item his purse and his aparell	13	4
Item one Cobord	5	0
Item 3 Dublers a sault and one cannellstick	2	0
Item one pot and tow litell pans	5	4
Item foure Chests	4	0
Item one tabell and one forme	1	6
Item 3 spads and one ax	2	0
Item for coals and turvs and wood	2	0
Item 3 quisings and tow chairs	1	0
Item one spinninge whele with other hustelments	2	0
		[total £1 18 2]

Prased by us

Peter Benson [mark]

Marmaduke Emonson [mark]

Richard Norffork RN [mark]

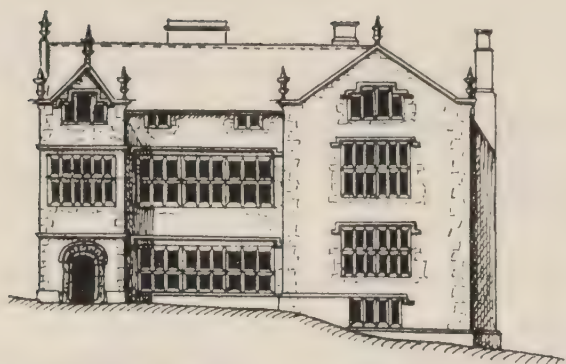
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HENRY ROBINSON OF SWINSTY, GENT., 1639

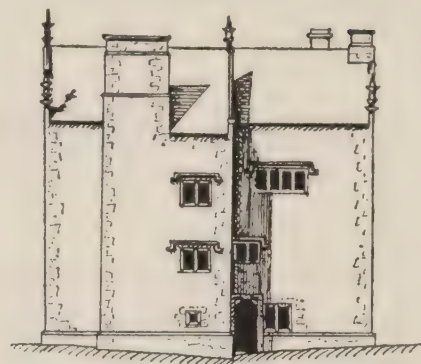
This inventory is written on a vellum roll of three membranes which measures $6\frac{1}{4}$ in x 5 ft. 2 in.

Henry Robinson, who originally lived at Old Lound in Lancashire, apparently accumulated the greater part of his wealth by the practice of loaning considerable sums of money against bonds. During the 1570s and 1580s, for example, he advanced some £2,000 to Francis Wood of Swinsty Hall, and in 1590, when Mr Wood was unable to repay his debts, he purchased the hall from him for the sum already advanced. (W. Grainge, *History of the Timbles*, 1895, p. 27.) Mr Robinson moved into the hall almost immediately, and continued to live there up to his death, his burial being recorded at Fewston on 25 November, 1639. In his will, dated 11 April, 1638, he bequeathed the hall to John, his eldest son, the majority of his goods moveable and unmoveable being divided equally between his son Henry and daughter Elizabeth.

Fortunately the hall (SE 194532) still stands as it did in 1639 when the inventory was made, and it is thus possible to determine the probable use of each room, and to follow the executors' route as they progressed through the buildings. After listing the contents of the outlying fields, they apparently entered the old parlour and old hall within the two-storey building of the late 15th-early 16th century Old Hall. Then, passing into the New Hall of 1575, they listed the contents of the oak-wainscoted little parlour, one window of which still bears the initials 'HRG 1627' for Henry Robinson and his wife. Having entered the buttery at the end of the hall, they passed down the lower section of the square staircase to the kitchen, from which they left the hall itself to inspect the 'shopp' with its spinning and weaving equipment. Apparently this was a quite separate building, for an indenture of 1681 refers to 'one house or building called the shopp' at Swinsty Hall (Grainge, p. 36). Returning to the kitchen, they passed up a series of narrow staircases to the kitchen chamber, the upper buttery, and the bread chamber, across the second floor to the servants' chambers, and down the square staircase to the chamber parlour over the hall, presumably continuing down the square



South Front.



East Elevation.

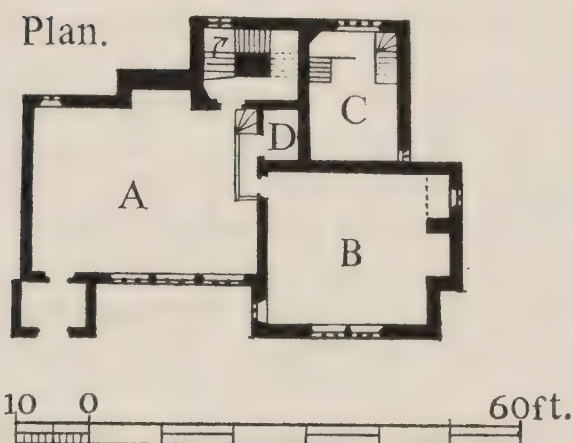
SWINSTY
HALL,
1575.

FIG. 2. SWINSTY NEW HALL, 1575

From the inventory it has proved possible to identify the following rooms in the hall:
Symbol on

ground plan	A	B	C	D
Basement		Cellar	Kitchen	Buttery
Ground Floor	Hall	Little Parlour	Kitchen Chamber	
First Floor	Chamber Parlour	Chamber over the Parlour	Upper Buttery	
Second Floor	Servant's Chamber	Servant's Chamber	Bread Chamber	

staircase once more to leave the building and list the contents of the remaining outbuildings.

Some of the items listed below were still in the hall to a comparatively recent date. In 1895, for example, William Grainge saw the dining tables and forms which originally had been in the old hall and old parlour, while early this century the 'presse for clothes' valued at £1 3s. 0d. was removed by B. W. J. Kent from the old parlour to the chamber of Tatefield Hall, Beckwithshaw, where it still remains.

A true & exact **INVENTORY** of all and singular the goods and Cattles of Henry Robinson late of Swinsty within the County of Yorke gent deceased taken and appraised this third day of December 1639 by us Francis Allen, William Thorpe, Henrye Coulthurst & Richard Kippax as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his apparell money in his purse	17	8	0
Item fower oxen	25	10	0
Item six runt oxen	32	0	0
Item five fower yeare old steares	32	0	0
Item nine Kine	44	0	0
Item five steares & one Hosser	30	0	0
Item one old Bull	6	0	0
Item the younge Bull	5	0	0
Item nine Kine att Hoame	37	0	0
Item Fowerteene Stirks	44	13	4
Item Fifteene Calves	30	0	0
Item Tupps & ewes at Swinsty 93	32	0	0
Item weathers there 30	8	10	0
Item Lambs there 42	10	0	0
Item three meares and one Horse	12	0	0
Item wheat and Rye 2 loads	10	0	0
Item in Oats in all 60 loads	22	0	0
Item in wheate and rye Some on the ground	18	0	0
Item at Roshawe house two oxen	11	0	0
Item one Cowe there	3	16	5
Item 65 weathers there	23	0	0
Item 18 gimers two Tups	5	5	8
Item Lambs there 35	7	0	0
Item two meares there	7	10	0
Item in hay and Strowe	9	0	0
Item one Cubbord there	1	6	8
Item one Litle Table		2	0
Item two paire of bedstocks there		5	0
Item in Hay at the neather Timble barne	7	0	0
Item one ould Stacke	1	10	0
Item Hay in the Calfe howse	2	0	0
Item Hay wheare the lambs are	1	6	8
Item in Hay at Tomlinson Barne	1	0	0
Item in Hay at the Himisrey barne	2	0	0
Item in Hay in the oxe barne	4	13	4
Item in Hay in the Cowe barne	4	13	4

Item one Gorner in the old Hall	6	13	4
Item one long Table one litle table one Counter with formes there	30	0	0
Item five Cheares with one Buffet Stoole in the said Hall	3	4	
Item one longe table in the old parlour one litle table with three formes there	1	10	0
Item one Chiste one deske there	15	0	
Item one presse for Clothes there	1	3	4
Item three Cheares there	6	8	
Item more Seaven Sett quishings & therteene other quish- ings in the said Rooms	1	0	0
Item one Cubberd in the said parlour	1	6	8
Item three paire of Bedstocks with the bedding in the litle parlour	2	10	0
Item one table in the buttry one buffitt stoole and one Cubbard there	1	10	0
Item one old table & three dressers in the Kitchin	3	0	
Item in Powder [i.e. pewter] seaven stone two pound	4	3	4
Item in Panmettle Twelve Stone	7	3	4
Item in brasse fower stone and six pound	1	16	0
Item one warme in panne	6	0	
Item Spits racks & dripping pann fower stone & therteene pounde	15	0	
Item in irne two stone and a Halfe	5	6	
Item two paire of Loames with on warping woaghe in the shoppe	1	12	0
Item 3 boll yarne 30 stone at 12s. a stone	18	0	0
Item three spinning wheels & one spoyle wheele	3	4	
Item one Sheare one trest with shearinge shop	2	0	
Item one leafe table with formes in the Kitching Chamber	6	0	
Item one Cubbard there	6	8	
Item two Chists there	16	0	
Item one Table & one Chist in the upp Buttery	13	4	
Item fower arks and one Chist in the bread chamber	1	10	0
Item two Salting tubs there	13	4	
Item one Gakker there	10	0	
Item fower Bedds and two paire of Bedstocks in the Servants Chambers	1	10	0
Item two paire of Bedstocks in the Chambor parlour	1	6	8
Item three Chists in the same Roome	2	0	0
Item one Brasse pott two sone waight	13	0	
Item in tanned leather	1	10	0
Item one Table in the milke house	2	6	

Item one arke in the Ovenhouse one Cheese press and litle table one dresser one kneading skeale one stone Morter with sives and other odd things in that roome .	10	0	
Item in wodden vessell in the litle house	1	0	0
Item in wodden vessell in the Kitching	1	0	0
Item in wodden vessell in the Seller	10	0	
Item two Haywaines two turfe waines two Stone waines three Cowpes Six paire of wheels twentie yokes with Bowis old & new two paire of Cowpe Rathes two paire of Cart Rathes three plowes beside new plow beames fower Harrows tenn teames five Shakols Three Loade Saddles with their furniture & two old Sleds	4	10	0
Item five gavelocks two irne mowles	16	0	
Item two Coulters & twi Shaire	6	8	
Item Fower Axes five ripieing wedges Seaven Stone wedges three Siths and five wimbles	8	4	
Item three Chissels one gouge eight Sicles two stone picks two walling Hammers	6	6	
Item one whipp Sage two cutting Sages and one hand sage	6	0	
Item two turfe Spads two flaght spads two dicking spads & two paire of axiltee pins	5	0	
Item five pick shafts thre barkhooms three paire of Haimes and three paire of traces & three Swineltres & horse draughts	4	8	
Item three waine ropes Fower wheele freats one sowing Hopp Shooles made and unmade all manner of soales Rakes and rake steals all odd irne in the workhouse with all Huslements belonging to Husbandry whatso- ever	1	6	8
Item two stone troughes in the foule	10	0	
Item in yinch Boards & seeleing boards in severall roomes stoopes Rayles for sealeing Punchones for the same Table leaves loose planks in the Hall loose seales & sagen Bords & all loose Sagen Timber in fower severall barnes speakes for wheels & all fallen Timber part thereof lying upon Swinsty moore & the rest in the field & the felis & all other lose bords in and about the howse whatsoever	40	0	0
Item tenn paire of linnen Sheets in the Chamber over the parlour	7	10	0
Item twelve paire of Canves sheets	5	2	0
Item ten pillowes in the same roome	19	6	
Item Eight linnen Table Clothes there	2	13	0

Item fower dossen linnen nabkins	1	4	0
Item three short towels		3	0
Item three long towels		[?]	
Item six pond of lyne with great linnen yarne		15	0
Item fowerteen Coverletts of the best sort there	8	0	0
Item two ruggs there	2	10	0
Item Six paire of Blancketts in the same	1	16	0
Item three feather beds three Boulsters and six pillowes with two materisses	9	5	0
Item one sewed Cheare one longe quishing vallence for one bed	1	10	0
Item one old rugge with curtaines for a bed		10	0
Item one stand bed & a Truckle bed in the Shopp Chamber	1	6	8
Item one seald cheare two buffet stoles and one litle table there		7	0
Item one rugg five coverlets one feather bed one Materice one quishing & one Boulster	4	6	8
Item in Spooones	1	16	0
Item meale molt & barley	9	0	0
Item Butter and Cheese	1	0	0
Item in Salt fleshe	3	6	8
Item three Swine	3	15	0
Item grinelstones to Swine Troughes		4	0
Item Turves and manor		3	4
Item pullon and geese		10	0
Item one Stond horse	7	0	0
Item in Salt		3	4
Item that was oweing to the said deceased vizt. by John Robinson of old land	5	16	8
Item by Ralphe Varelone	13	6	8
Item by Thomas Pott	7	5	0
Item by John Woodhead and William Turner	3	10	0
Item by Ingraham Hunter	4	6	8
Item by William Mawson	2	6	8
Item one Coslet & one Pyke with it furniture	1	6	8
Item Berkomes Landirnes tongues and other irne instru- ment whatsoever		6	8
Item secks sives Window clothes Potts Scuttles and Ridles	2	10	0

Total 744 14 0

Francis Allen
William Thorpe
Henry Coalhurst
Richard Kippax

MD 120b

FERDINANDO, 2nd BARON FAIRFAX OF CAMERON, 1647

This inventory is written on a gathering of four sheets of paper bearing an ewer water-mark, which have been folded lengthways to measure $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $15\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Lord Ferdinando Fairfax, son of Thomas Fairfax of Denton, first Baron Fairfax of Cameron, was born on the 29th of March, 1584.¹ His father, deciding that he should follow a military career 'sent him into the Netherlands to train him up a soldier', but, in his opinion, he only made 'a tolerable country justice . . . a mere coward at fighting'. From the early 1620s he served as Member of Parliament for Boroughbridge, representing the town in the last two parliaments of James I and in the first four of Charles I, later representing York in the Long Parliament. On the outbreak of the hostilities between the King and Parliament, Lord Fairfax (who had succeeded to the title in May 1640) was approved as the commander of the Parliamentary forces in Yorkshire, so taking a leading part in the Civil War in the north. He was appointed governor of York following its surrender on 16 July, 1644, and later, on 24 July, 1645, became steward of the manor of Pontefract. As the result of an accident, he died on 14 March, 1648, being buried in the church of All Saints, Bolton Percy, where his wall-monument still remains intact within its original railings. His will, dated 12 March, 1647, and proved at York on 11 October, 1648 (published in Y.R.S. XI, 1890, pp. 5-8), included a bequest to his more famous son, Sir Thomas Fairfax, of 'all the plate, books, and household stuffe at Denton, which my father left me. As also the silver vessel for which old plate was exchanged, as also my 'stallion horses, broode mares, and foals'. A further bequest of his coach and horses was made to his wife, but, as these do not occur in the inventory, it must be assumed that they had either been disposed of after the making of the will, or that they were elsewhere when the inventory was being compiled.

The hall at Denton (SE 148487) was rebuilt as a fine neo-classical mansion by John Carr of York about 1770, and so it is impossible to relate the inventory to any existing structure.

¹ See *The Dictionary of National Biography* for further details.

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY of all the goods moveable and unmoveable of the right honourable Ferdinando Lord Fairfax Late of Denton Deceased Prised by Major William Crooke Francis Michell Edmond Maude and Francis Day Gentlemen the Twentieth Day of March Ano Dm 1647.

PLAITE

£ s. d.

Imprimis one Guilt basson one Ewer one guilt Salt with a Cover one guilt Cupp two flaggons fower Candlestickes one Colledge pott three beare Bowles three Coine bowles twoe Silver Saltes one Cullender Six plaite two podinges 30 Spoones one paire of Sausers one Litle Ladle 3 Tumlirs twoe Tanckard fower Salts in all . 179 1 6

IN THE Chamber

Item fower peeces of hanginges one Bedsteade two Dabbitts one Clocc and other furniture in the sayd Roome 7 8 4

LINEN

Damaske	Imprimis three Tableclothes two Long Toweles one Cubbord cloth another Cubbord cloth fouer Dozen of napkines	23 15 0
Drap	Item Lianen Tableclothes 13 Courser Tableclothes Seaven Long Towels Twentie Dozen of napkins in all .	32 13 4
upon search 10 li. to deare Linen	Item Sixteene paire of Sheetes of Broode one paire of Large sheets Tenne paire of narrow sheets Tenne Tableclothes fiftene table clothes all unto Tenne pillowbeares Twenti pillowbeares one Lin sheete five Dozon of napkins Tenne pairs of Course sheetes more Course sheetes 23 one pair Fushion sheetes Twentie short towels 12 hall Tableclothes all ould in all .	54 3 6

IN my Lady Chamber

Item One Trunck Bedd with the furniture 10 0 0

IN BEDINGE

Item Ten Quilts one Mantle twoe pillowes one Litle seild Bed five Boulsters one Dozen of Quishings unmade the suiteing of one Bedd with Collered Blew six sett Quishings made upp one quilt Stained one Rugg in all 34 9 0

BEDINGE Dupitable

Item nine fether Bedds three Quilts five bolsters in all 1 10 0
Item eight peeces of hangings two Carpitts fouer ould Ruggs three pairs of Blanketes one stoole 36 0 0

IN the Greene Chamber

Item Bedd Curtaines and Vallance one Coveringe belonging to one bed fouer Chaires fouer Stooles one Cubbord twoe seeing glasses 29 0 0

LOW Chappell Chamber

Item one Bedsteade Curtaines hanginges and hanginges for the Roome 22 0 0

IN the Kichinge

Item one Rowler 4 0 0

PEWTHER

Item fiteene peeces of pewther all ould Sixteene sawcers twoe Cullanders five plaite/new plaite 59 Tenne Candle stickes nine Chamber potts three flaggones one Litle Cann one salt three close stool panes one Litle Basson fouer Aglett plaite Candlesticks and three Litle plaite in all 14 0 0

In the great Kitchinge

Item fouer Litle potts twoe Litle pannes one Ladle 2 0 0

Item one Large Cabinett one futher flap one Table Leafe one close stoole 2 5 0

Item in Salt flesh 4 15 0

QUICK GOODS

Item five Stockes of Bees 3 6 8

Item fouer fatt oxen 32 0 0

Item Sixteene Draught oxen 104 0 0

Item Tenne kine and one Bull 46 0 0

Item three Sadle gelders one Sadle maire and seaven cart horses wherof one stolne 75 0 0

Item one stoned Coult and one fillie comes three yeares ould and twoe Fillies comes twoe yeares ould 22 0 0

Item 36 weathers 24 0 0

Item 56 ewes 37 0 0

Item 44 hogges 20 0 0

Item 24 holding weathers 17 0 0

Item 2 Tupps 5 0 0

Item 7 weathers more 4 18 0

Item 17 Swine 17 0 0

Item Pultrie and other huslement on and aboute the howse 2 0 0

CORNE upon the ground barne & garner

Item Oates Beanes and Hardcorne already Sawne	. 133	0	0
Corne in the Barne unthresht & thresht	. 40	0	0
wheat in the garner	. 14	0	0

HUSBANDRIE geare

Item 3 waines 4 pairs of waine whels 1 carte 2 pairs of cart wheelles 2 yocks 1 oxe harrow 2 horse harrowes 2 pairs of waine Blades 2 plowes and Irons wood for husbandrie geare 4 Stand hecques	. 28	16	8
Item Bords and Rayles already Saygen	. 9	0	0

MD 335

FRANCIS CLARKE OF SHARLESTON, YEOMAN, 1648

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which is folded lengthways to measure 12 in. x 15½ in.

Francis Clarke of Sharleston appears to have been the son of John Clarke, who purchased a messuage in Sharleston in 1604-5.¹ Certainly the baptism of Francis, son of John Clarke, is recorded in the Wakefield parish register for 13 March, 1602. He was buried at Kirkthorpe, the parish church of Sharleston in March 1648, his will, dated 26 February, 1648, being proved at York in the following April.

Unfortunately the Clarke's house at Sharleston has been demolished, but the following inventory shows it to have been comfortably furnished for a family of yeoman status, their prosperity apparently springing from their large and well-equipped agricultural holdings.

THE INVENTORY of the goods and Chattells . . . and did belong unto Francis Clarke late of Sharleston in the County of Yorke Yeoman taken and prised the 15th day of March Anno Domini 1648 by us whose names are herunto subscribed.

¹ Information from notes taken by J. F. Goodchild from papers in the Earl of Westmorland collection in Northamptonshire County Record Office.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse and apparrell	22	0	0

In the house body

Item one Range 2 little Rackes one Reckin balke a paire of tonges and a fier shovell	1	4	0
Item a dripping pan and 5 spitts 2 Clevers a broile Iron a Shredding knife	15	0	
Item a warmeing pan a Chaffing dish a prig pan & a skimmer	10	0	
Item a table a forme 2 buffett stooles 6 quissions a little table	1	5	0
Item 5 Chaires & 5 quissions one longe quission 5 pewter porringers 2 pewter dishes and two salts	15	0	

In the parlour

Item one stand bed one Fetherbed 2 bolsters one matrice 2 pillowes 3 blanketts one paire of sheetes a ruge and 4 Curtaines and Curtaine Rides	4	0	0
Item a trundle bedstead a flocke bed a pair of blanketts a double Coverlett a bolster and two pillowes and 1 paire of sheets	1	0	0
Item one Cupbord 6 Candlestickes a Chamber pot a pewter flaggon and two quissions	2	0	0
Item one presser & quision	13	4	
Item a little table 2 little stooles one bigger stoole and 3 boxes	1	3	4

In the milkhouse

Item 6 peeces of pewter 13 milk bowles a safe & 3 barrells	1	10	0
Item 8 earthen potts a brazen mortar a pestle and a voider	11	0	
Item a tresle some smale potts & 2 inch boards	3	4	
Item one longe Chist one bible and some other small bookes	13	4	

In the new parlour

Item one standbed a Chaffe bed a bolster 2 pillowes 2 blanketts a paire of Sheetes and a Coverlett	2	0	0
Item a Cubbord 2 quissions a seeled Chaire & two low stooles	1	3	4
Item a flock bed a pair of sheetes a blankett a pillow and a coverlett	1	0	0
Item one table 5 stooles a longe forme	1	10	0
Item a range	6	0	

In the kitchen

Item a range a paire of Iron yates a paire of Rackes 2 paire of brigges & a paire of tonges	2	0	0
Item certaine Salt	5	0	
Item 5 brasse potts & 5 panns	4	0	0
Item 3 tubbs eight barrells two flasketts 5 kitts with other wodden vessells	3	0	0
Item 7 peeces of pewter & a Candlesticke	7	0	

In the Chamber over the parlour

Item a stand bedstead 4 Curtaines a fether bed a mattrice 2 bolsters a paire of sheetes a greene rugg & a blankett	5	0	0
Item one presser one arke & a Chist	1	10	0
Item a new Coverlett some wollen yarne & linnen yarne	2	0	0
Item 20 peeces of pewter 3 dozen of spoones 10 saucers & 2 double salts	3	0	0
Item a bolster and a pillow & thirty yards of wollen cloth	4	10	0
Item new linnen and hempen cloth	3	0	0
Item 2 peeces more of new cloth	1	10	0
Item a dozen and a halfe of table napkins 4 table clothes 4 longe towells	2	0	0
Item Sixe paire of Course Sheetes	2	13	4

In the chamber over the house

Item a stand bedstead a flock bed a paire of blanketts two bolsters a coverlett & a rugge	2	10	0
Item 2 trundlebeds a flock bed 2 pillowes a sheete a doble coverlett & 2 blanketts	2	0	0
Item a nother bedstead a fetherbed a bolster a paire of blanketts 2 coverletts & a paire of sheetes	4	0	0
Item 3 Chists & some oatmeal	13	4	
Item hange beefe and bacon	3	10	0

In the meale chamber

Item 2 kimlins a Cherme 2 saltinge kitts a tubb & other wodden stuffe	2	0	0
Item 3 Iron teames a bolt and shakle a dozen wane cloutes & plow cloutes with other Iron stuffe	2	0	0

In the malt chamber

Item in malt and pease	100	0	0
Item a kilne haire cloth and steepfatt an arke & a knead- ing trough	2	0	0
Item a lead cesterne & 8 sakes	2	0	0

In the barne

Item a barley mough	15	0	0
Item a wheat mough & a Ryemough	15	0	0
Item 6 laned yokes 4 teames & two paire of wane roupes	1	10	0

In the wanehouse

Item two shilved wanes & 2 Coopwanes	10	0	0
Item 3 plowes 3 swathrakes 2 horse harrowes & one oxe harrow	2	0	0
Item a thorow tree for a wane 2 paire of wane ronges 5 paire of shilvings 5 yokes 6 plowbeames 6 axletrees two paire of naffes a gange of felkes two gange of speakes certaine plow stilts & harrowtines	3	13	4
Item 3 ladders & certaine hay	4	0	0
Item certaine railes and pooles	1	0	0
Item a sled & 4 stand hecques	10	0	0
Item 6 swine troughes	10	0	0
Item 6 oxen and 3 steeres	57	0	0
Item 3 yong quies	10	0	0
Item 6 kine	24	0	0
Item three horses & 2 yeareing calves	9	0	0
Item a pigg of lead	15	0	0
Item 7 swine	4	0	0
Item some kilnewood & a paire of wane blades	11	0	0
Item certaine manior in the foldstead	3	0	0
Item 9 acres of wheat & Rye fower	30	0	0
Item 16 acres of pease beanes and oates fower & 7 acres of barley earth	30	0	0
Item in the low barne certaine wheat and barley	10	0	0
Item certaine beanes & oates	13	0	0
Item certaine hay	5	0	0
Item two ladders	6	8	

TOTAL 462 19 0

Debts oweing to the deceased

Imprimis oweing by Thomas Hainshey	6	8	0
Item by William Speight	2	12	0
Item by Danyell Smith	5	4	0
Item by William Sagar	18	0	0
Item by George Nailor	5	4	0
Item by Widdow Wood	2	12	0
Item by John Eiley	1	7	0
Item by Samuell Harryson	12	0	0

Item by Francis Ascough	.	.	.	.	1	18	0
Item by Widdow Coward	.	.	.	.	1	6	0
Item by Mrs Ward	.	.	.	.	3	0	0
Item by Richard Scott	.	.	.	.	1	0	0

desparate debts

Item by John Berke	.	.	.	.	15	0	0
Item by George Shillito of Heath	.	.	.	.	3	0	0
Item by Thomas Wood	.	.	.	.	4	0	0

TOTAL 82 11 0

This Inventory was taken the day and year within written by us
 Danyell Thorpe
 Francis Mason
 Thomas Wood
 Edward Smith.

MD 335

RICHARD RICHARDSON OF NORTH BIERLEY, ESQUIRE, 1656

This inventory is written on a gathering of two sheets of paper folded to form four pages measuring $6\frac{1}{4}$ in. x $14\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Richard Richardson was the son of Richard Richardson of North Bierley and Anne, daughter of William Pollard of North Bierley. He was baptised at Bradford on 22 July, 1604, and lived at Bradford for many years before returning to North Bierley. He married Jane, daughter of George Hopkinson of Lofthouse (brother to the more famous John), living with her up to the time of his death in 1656. He was buried at Bradford on 25 April of that year, his will, dated 14 February, 1655-6, later being proved in London. It will be seen that John Hopkinson the Lofthouse antiquary personally acted as an assessor for his nephew's inventory, signing it on the final sheet.

Bierley Hall (SE 176294) was built by Richard Richardson in 1636, but was substantially altered after its erection, one wing being remodelled *c.* 1700, while the front was rebuilt to a classical pedimented design in the late eighteenth century. A mullioned window and the gables at the back of the building still remained

in their original condition, however, until the hall was demolished in 1968.

AN INVENTORY of all the Goodes Chattelles Cattell, credittes & debtes of Richard Richardson late of North Bierley nere Bradford in the County of Yorke Gent taken & appraised the sixe day of may in the yeare of our Lord God 1656 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed.

£ s. d.

Imprimis his apparell purse & moneys there in . . .

In the Hall Roome

Three tables with formes, seven chaires & two lowe
stooles 2 0 0

In the Buttrye

Two litle tables fourse buffett stooles two glasse cases . 13 4

Thirtye peeces of pewther great & small, with severall
pottingeres, sawcers & salts 4 0 0

Item fower pewther flagons, & three pewther pannes . 15 0

A dozen of glasse bottelles 3 0

Three Barrelles 12 0

In the best Parlor next the hall

One Bedd with furniture 8 0 0

A Table, & a Carpett 2 0 0

Five chaires & nine stooles great & small 1 1 6

A dozen of quishions 1 10 0

A presse for lynnenn 1 0 0

In his owne lodgeing roome

A high Bedd & a lowe Bedd with furniture 5 0 0

Three chists 1 10 0

fower chaires 5 0

A Basing & Ewre 10 0

A Cupboard with two quishions 1 0 0

Ten pottingeres of pewther 5 0 0

A glasse case with glasses 6 8

In the mayds parlor

Two beds with furniture 4 0 0

A chaire, a Counter & a chist 5 0

In the Milkhouse

Six Barrelles & a chirne 13 4

Severall vessells for milke with other small huslement . 5 0

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In the Kitchen

Two litle tables & an arke	10	0	
Fower dishes of pewther & a pasty plate	1	10	0
Twelve peeces of pewther	18	0	
Six Chamberpottes	12	0	
Eight Candlestickes	10	0	
Five spittes	10	0	
A paire of great rackes & little rackes	13	4	
Two dripping pannes	12	0	
A warmeing pann	3	4	
Six Pannes, Eight Pottes. A great Iron pann, two Iron bakestones with some litle prigg pannes, pott kilpes shredding knife, & other small Iron & brasse furniture	12	0	0
Seven wood kitts, three brewing tubbs four flaskittes & some other wood vessell for brewing	1	6	8
A brasse mortar	3	4	

In the Chamber over his owne lodgeing roome

Two Beddsteades with bedding & furniture	13	6	8
A litle table, with three chaires & sixe covered stooles	1	4	0
Six quishiones	15	0	
A wanded chaire	8	0	

In the chamber next thereunto

Two Bedsteades with bedding & furniture	4	10	0
Five Chists	1	3	4

In the chamber over the best parlour

Two bedsteades with bedding & furniture	6	0	0
A Table & formes	15	0	
A Livery Cupboard	13	4	
A Chiste	10	0	
A litle table two chaires & fower stooles	8	0	
A pewther still	10	0	

In the chamber over the Kitchen

Two beddes with furniture & a wheel bedd	3	10	0
A Chiste, an arke, a Counter & some other wood	1	10	0

In the Chamber over the hall

Five arkes & chistes together with a presse	3	0	0
Three Kivers, two kneading troughes	1	10	0
Two kneading bowles, with chesfattes, ringes, & some other wood vessells as dishes & kittes	15	0	
Tenn loades of oate meale	6	13	4
Thirteene Beeffe flitches, & seven Bacon flitches	6	13	4
One great chiste	3	4	
Alsoe seven Iron ranges in the severall roomes above mentioned	3	10	0
Alsoe three Fryeing pannes, three paires of tonges, one fire point & two fire shovelles	6	8	

Plate

One silver bowle & a silver tunne	3	0	0
A dozen of silver spoones	3	0	0
A sugar dishe & a wine bowle	2	0	0

Lynnenes

Alsoe Eight paire of lynnens sheetes	4	0	0
Tenn paire of pillowbeares	1	10	0
Sixe Tablecloathes	2	0	0
Eight dozen of Napkines	5	4	0
Six paire of courser sheetes	1	15	0
A wood Clocke	13	4	

In the Garner chamber

A malt skreene	13	4	
Foureteene quarters of malt	14	0	0
Ten loades of new wheate	5	10	0
Six quarters of Oates	6	0	0
Foure loades of wheate at Wid. Gibsons	2	8	0

In both the Lower Barnes

Wheate untressed	32	0	0
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In the new Barne

One Oxe harrowe & five horse harrowes	1	4	0
Six paire of Naves	1	10	0
tenn axeltrees	13	4	
Six Gange of felkes	1	10	0
Five plow beames & other plow geare	10	0	

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Alsoe three Coupe waynes and three shilved waynes .	20	0	0
Fower plowes with Irons	1	0	0
Seven yoakes with teames & furniture	2	6	8
A dozen Rakes, six forkes, two shovelles & two spades, two axes, two hatchettes & two bills		6	8

Cattell & horses

Twelve horses & mares with saddelles & furniture .	48	0	0
Foureteene draught oxen	52	0	0
Nyne milch kyne	2	0	0
Two Bulls	3	0	0
Foureteene yonge Cattell	19	5	0
Three Quyes with calves	6	0	0

In the foldstead

One Boare, a sue, fower hogges foure yonge pigges .	8	0	
Two hundreth loades of manure	10	0	0

Poultrye

Six geese, six dukes, two turkeyes & twelve henns capons & cocks	15	0	
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Goodes at Okenshawe

Certaine houshold goodes as pewther bedding & other huslement	4	0	0
A Cupboard & a long table at Willm Stockes	1	10	0

Goodes at Thomas Langsbrayes in North Bierley

One Table	13	4	
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Att Richard Listers house in North Bierley

Fifteene quarters of malt	15	0	0
Rye unthressed	10	0	0
Oates already thrashed	3	0	0
Two Tables, one Chist, two ranges & a litle truckle Bedd, & a baskett & chaine	2	6	8

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Foure Packes of wooll at home & at Halifax unsold .	37	0	0
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Corne sowen

wheate twenty dayes worke	35	0	0
Pease six dayes worke	3	13	4
Eight dayes worke of Barley	16	0	0
Oates thirtye five dayes worke	45	0	0

At Okenshawe Milne

Two loades of shillinges 2 0 0

138 13 4

total 765 4 2

Apprised by us
William Rookes
John Hopkinson
William Brooke
William Gibson

MD 335

**MATTHEW WILSON OF LONDON & ESHTON,
ESQUIRE, 1656**

This inventory is written on a vellum roll of 19 membranes measuring 38 ft. 6 in. x 5 in., with which is filed a slightly later copy on paper.

Matthew Wilson, son of Robert Wilson of Brigsteare, Westmorland, spent the greater part of his life in London where, with his partner Thomas Wilson, he amassed a considerable fortune from the sale of cloth and by astute financial speculation. In the first part of the inventory, therefore, a detailed account of his merchandise at the great London cloth market of Blackwell Hall is given, together with a list of the contents of the house he rented in Coleman Street, London. The second part of the inventory deals with the deceased's debts inward and outward, both in partnership and as an individual, while the final part deals with his estates at Eshton. According to Joseph Foster's *Pedigrees of the County Families of England; Yorkshire* of 1874, the estate, hall, and manor of Eshton were purchased by Matthew Wilson from Sir Robert Bindloss of Borwick, Lancashire, by a conveyance dated 21 January, 1646. As Sir Robert is also listed below as owing a desperate debt of £40, it is interesting to consider the possibility of this purchase being arranged in lieu of repayment of debts. Certainly Matthew Wilson appears to have had no other Yorkshire interests, and the contents of Eshton Hall are particularly sparse

for a man of his means (note the old clothes in his room and also the lack of plate) suggesting little regular use. In 1656 he died, his body being buried by his executors in St Mary's, Abchurch, and his will being entered at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (1656, fol. 458).

The Hall at Eshton (SE 938560) survived until 1825-7, when it was rebuilt for Sir Matthew Wilson to a neo-Elizabethan design by George Webster of Kendal. From the list of rooms, however, it would appear likely that the early house consisted of a central hall, with two chambers over it, having a parlour and parlour buttery with Matthew Wilson's chamber over them at one end, and a kitchen and hall buttery at the other, these being surmounted by 'the Chamber beyond the Kitchinge'.

A TRUE INVENTORY of all such goodes Rights and Creditts as were and did belonge to Matthew Wilson late of the parish of St Mary Abb. Church London Esquire deceased att his Lodgeinge or at Blackwell hall in London taken valewed and apprised One thousand six hundred fifty six by Edward Jackson George Bowcock and Thomas Hammond Clothiers and alsoe by Joseph Abraham Cittizen and Groser of London as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis three hundred and three large [?] worke att			
Sixteene shilling	242	6	0
Item seaventy six shrunk wrought Cottons att thirteene			
shillings six pence per peece	51	6	0
Item eleaven blacke baizes att nine shillinges per peece	4	19	10
Item one yellow Cotton att nine shillinges per peece .		9	0
Item twenty two Course gray kersayes att twenty-eight			
shillings per peece	30	16	0
Item seaven fine kerseyes att fifty five shillings per peece	19	5	0
Item nine dyed kersayes two hundred and fifty yeards			
att one shillinge eleaven pence per yeard	23	19	10
Item three gray kersayes att thirty five shillinges per			
peece	5	5	0
Item fowerteene Chockes att sixteene shillinges per peece	11	4	0
Item nine wrought ruggs att sixteene shillinges per peece	7	4	0
Item two dozen of backs Turkey and halfe a dozen sealed	2	5	0
Item one hundred and sixteene large shrunk wrought			
Cottons att sixteene shillinges per peece	92	16	0
Item two dozen and a halfe of Turkey worke			
Item five hundred and seaventy one peeces of kerseyes			
and Cottons Chockes and Rugges			

In his Chamber

Item all his wearinge apparrell, both linnen, silke, and woollen, bootes, shooes, hatts and all thinges to wearinge apparrell	26	14	10
Item a paire of spures bridle, sadle, houseing cloth and a litle horse	3	0	0
Item a headpeece a back sword and a rapier and belt	1	0	0
Item a new bridle and a paire of stirrop irons	3	0	
Item large Cypresse chest with a locke and key and two trunks with the standards	5	5	0
Item a Cupboard and fouer Chaires	1	0	0
Item a lookeinge glasse	4	0	
Item a large bible and a litle bible and a Cover	15	0	
Item a deske with drawers and some odd thinges in itt and odd thinges in the Chamber	4	0	
Item a paire of brasse Andirons, fire shovell and tonges an iron hope with brasse topps a brasse Candlesticke and a paire of snuffers and a paire of bellows	1	0	0
Item a brasse pistoll	4	0	
Item three dozen of horn spoones	2	3	
Item three old girdles	2	0	
Item stuffe for a Turkey worke Chaire with armes	16	0	
Item a watch with two silver Cases	2	0	0
Item a seale gold Ringe	16	0	

Sum 535 2 11

Hopefull debts oweinge to the Deceased and to Mr Thomas Wilson his partener as followeth, butt the Executors will not charge themselves with any parte thereof untill they shall be received.

	£	s.	d.
Item by Robert Collins	121	0	0
Item by Ralph Parkman	30	15	0
Item by Edward Benskin	6	1	0
Item by Arthur Warwicke	33	10	0
Item by Phillipp Rikettes	15	1	6
Item by Thomas Fairham	93	15	0
Item by John Burrowes	10	8	4
Item by Thomas Chester	7	16	2
Item by Edmond Goodenough	13	7	6
Item by Edward Aycough	49	16	0
Item by Jacob Jonnoncay	13	1	0
Item by William Cowell	9	11	0

Item by John Chapman	.	.	.	.	9	10	0
Item by Matthew Edwardes	.	.	.	.	9	2	0
Item by Richard Beaver	.	.	.	.	190	0	4
Item by Robert Dones	.	.	.	.	10	12	8
Item by Thomas Lowther	.	.	.	.	46	0	0
Item by James Porter	.	.	.	.	2	6	0
Item by James Litletop	.	.	.	.	10	10	0
Item by Robert Whaley	.	.	.	.	1	0	0
Item by Thomas Taylor	.	.	.	.	1	4	0
Item by Edward Hill	.	.	.	.	15	6	
Item by Thomas Matthewes	.	.	.	.	19	2	6
Item by Rales Gravenor	.	.	.	.	6	18	0
Item by John Hobbes	.	.	.	.	5	15	0
Item by Thomas Forest	.	.	.	.	2	8	8
Item by Jonathan Ash	.	.	.	.	188	10	0
Item by Captaine James Burton	.	.	.	.	48	10	0
Item by Richard Thomas senior	.	.	.	.	386	16	0
Item by Richard Thomas junior	.	.	.	.	39	0	0
Item by William Glover	.	.	.	.	17	6	0
Item by William Strode	.	.	.	.	158	0	0
Item by Thomas Wilshire	.	.	.	.	3	3	6
Item by Robert Chandler	.	.	.	.	9	8	0
Item by Richard Houlder	.	.	.	.	1	14	0
Item by Thomas Bishopp	.	.	.	.	36	7	6
Item by William Barker	.	.	.	.	2	3	0
Item by Thomas Davles	.	.	.	.	39	17	8
Item by John Butts and William Antelbene	.	.	.	.	119	2	0
Item by John Cooke	.	.	.	.	2	5	0
Item by Bryan Bowden	.	.	.	.	14	12	0
Item by Richard Kimble	.	.	.	.	8	0	6
Item by Henry Hukines	.	.	.	.	10	8	0
Item by William Brockbanke	.	.	.	.	6	17	0
Item by John Warner	.	.	.	.	32	16	9
Item by Thomas Gregson	.	.	.	.	5	11	0
Item by Henry Trawle	.	.	.	.	12	16	0
Item by Robert Manfeild	.	.	.	.	4	12	0
Item by Samuell Wicking	.	.	.	.	18	3	0
Item by Edward Butler	.	.	.	.	52	0	0
Item by Adam Jeninges	.	.	.	.	65	5	0
Item by William Deaken	.	.	.	.	6	5	0
Item by Richard Caethorne	.	.	.	.	4	0	0
Item by Samuel Swinicke	.	.	.	.	55	10	0
Item by Sampson Cotton	.	.	.	.	8	0	

Item by Thomas Cullum	.	.	.	.	4	10	0
Item by Humphrey Millit	.	.	.	.	3	1	0
Item by Thomas Bodley	.	.	.	.	31	0	0
Item by Mr Crabb	.	.	.	.	1	2	0
Item by Joseph Inden	.	.	.	.	1	2	6
Item by George Dickinson	.	.	.	.	1	2	0
Item by Edmond Dobson	.	.	.	.	1	2	6
Item by Mr Cockerell	.	.	.	.		11	0
Item by Thomas Papillion	.	.	.	.	7	0	0
Item by Thomas Richardson	3	4	0
Item money of several strangers	8	6	0
Item in ready money	21	17	2
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Total					2574	00	1

Debtes oweinge to the Deceased onely and not in coepartnershipp, which the Executores cannot nor will charge them selves therewith untill they shall bee received.

	£	s.	d.
Item by Mr Thomas Booth	1345	0	0
Item by Mr Jackson and Mr Wilson	800	0	0
Item by Excise	143	0	0
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	2288	0	0

Debtes oweinge to the Deceased and not coepartnershipp butt the same are all desparate, [i.e. desperate] and not to bee received butt if they or any of them bee, the Executors will be accomptable and charge them selves therewith.

Item a bond of Roger Fletcher the Thirteenth of July			
One thousand six hundred forty for the payment of	44	16	0
Item a bill of John Whitfield a backe of Clementes the			
Twenty fowerth of June One Thousand six hundred			
Thirty two	54	0	0
Item a bill of John Ishames the Fowerteenth of June			
One thousand six hundred Thirty eight	55	10	0
Item a bill of John Ishames the Third of August One			
thousand six hundred forty	36	0	0
Item a bill of John Scarbrough London the Thirtyeth			
of December One thousand six hundred Thirty nine	2	0	0
Item a bill of John Pywall Habberdasher London the			
Twentyeth of September One thousand six hundred			
Thirty seaven	7	0	0

Item a bill of Henry Edward London the Eight of August			
One thousand six hundred thirty five	.	.	30 0 0
Item a bill of Richard Smyth Cittisen and Fruterer			
London	.	.	3 10 0
Item a note of Joshua Pannells for	.	.	50 0 0
Item a note of Thomas Sharpe for	.	.	4 0 0
Item a note of Nicholas Grinwell	.	.	1 0 0
Item a bill of John Evanses for	.	.	9 0 0
Item a bill of William Westbyes for	.	.	10 0 0
Item a bill of Mattheve Jenkinson London	.	.	73 0 0
Item a bill of Walter Dickinson for	.	.	10 0 0
Item a bill of Henry Edwards London for	.	.	30 0 0
Item a note of Christopher Atkinson for	.	.	5 0 0
Item a bill of Walter Dickinson for	.	.	36 0 0
Item a bill of Christopher Maynards for	.	.	18 0 0
Item a bill of William Wests Cittisen of London for	.	.	16 12 0
Item a bill of Thomas Edmondson of Kendall for	.	.	2 0 0
Item a note of Leonard Scitt of Hull for	.	.	2 10 0
Item a note of John Holme	.	.	1 0 0
Item a note of Robert Wilson	.	.	50 0 0
Item a note of John Beckes for	.	.	5 6 0
Item a note of Robert Blythmans	.	.	4 0 0
Item a bill of John Wilsons for	.	.	5 0 0
Item a bond of Anthony Kempe and Richard Bateman	.	.	32 8 0
Item a bill of Richard Gold and Christopher Netherfell	.	.	136 0 0
Item a bill of Henry Gregorie	.	.	2 12 0
Item a bill of John Berne	.	.	3 0 0
Item a bond of John Stampes	.	.	22 10 0
Item a bill of Edward Johnson	.	.	13 15 6
Item a bill of James Stretchleyes	.	.	60 0 0
Item a bill of Sr, Robert Binlosh	.	.	40 0 0
Item a bond of Edward Collisons	.	.	150 0 0
Item a bond of Edward Collisons	.	.	38 0 0
Item a bond of Collisons and briggs	.	.	124 0 0
Item a bill of Briggs and Collison	.	.	116 0 0
Item a bond of George Biggs for	.	.	40 0 0
Item a bill of Thomas Harrison	.	.	10 0 0
Item by James and Edmond Travis	.	.	100 0 0
Item by John Davis	.	.	13 0 0
Item by another to deliver a shipp and pay	.	.	2 15 0
Item by Mary and Dorothy Blytham	.	.	10 0 0
Item by Henry Bowland	.	.	70 5 0
Item by Henry Bowland	.	.	21 12 0

Item by Katherine Skinner and Robert her sonne	.	28	0	0
Item a bill of John Martin for	.	4	0	0
Item by Franciss Anguishby by bill	.	2	16	0
Item by Franciss Anguishby by bond	.	40	0	0
Item by Matthew Goodwill by bill	.	60	0	0
Item by James Goodwin by bond	.	52	0	0
Item by Thomas Vassall by bond	.	13	4	0
Item by Thomas Norton to Tomes for	.	60	0	0
Item Tomes declaracion that that was Wilsons debt	.	—		
Item borrowed by Thomas Talbot	.	200	0	0
Item by Hudlestone Phillipson	.	30	0	0
Item by Thomas Ellaryes	.	9	13	0
Item Bootes bond for	.	1345	0	0
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Sum total		3354	9	0

Debts oweing by the said deceased and Mr Thomas Wilson his partener.

Item to Stocke payable to Mr Edward Jackson	.	600	0	0
Item for interest of itt to him till the Twenty Fowerth of December six monethes	.	18	0	0
Item to Stocke payable to Robert Downes	.	200	0	0
Item for interest of itt till the seaventeenth of December next	.	6	0	0
Item to Stock payable to John Baikins	.	80	0	0
Item for interest of itt to John Baikins the Twenty fifth of July One thousand six hundred Fifty five	.	7	4	0
Item indebted to Mr Thomas Sands upon our Accmopt	.	345	3	10
Item indebted to Dan. Oley upon his Accompt	.	90	2	5
Item indebted to John Dyson upon his Accompt	.	11	4	0
Item indebted to Nicholas Jackson for Richard Robinson	.	35	0	0
Item to Richard Robinson for a halfe Cloth	.	4	10	0
Item to William Bateman for nine callcotts	.	8	2	0
Item to Jeremy Rossendall upon our Accompt	.	31	15	6
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Sum Total		437	1	9

Debts owinge by the Deceased onely and not by his partener.

Item to Mr. Walker upon bond	.	130	0	0
Item to Mr. Fisher Children for legacies left by Mr. Henry Fisher	.	200	0	0
Item to Mr. James Crabb	.	150	0	0
Item to Mr. Parker for cloth	.	150	0	0

Item to Mr. Parker for cloth	15	18	0
Item in small debts	128	15	0

The total summe of the debts oweing by the Deceased onely and not by his partener is	597	13	0
The totall summe of the goods is	535	2	11
The totall summe of the debts oweing to the deceased and to his partener Mr. Thomas Wilson is	2574	0	1
The totall summe of the goods and desparate debts owe- ing to the Deceased which are not in copartnershipp is	5642	9	0
The totall summe of the debts oweing by the Deceased and his partener Mr. Thomas Wilson is	1437	1	9

A TRUE INVENTA

of all and singular the goods Cattells and Chattells as late were and did belonge to Matthew Wilson late of the parish of At Mary Abb Church London Esquire Deceased att his house at Eshon Hall otherwise Eshton Hall and Bellbush in the County of Ycrke taken vallued and apprised the Nine and Twentyth day of December in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Fifty and Six by Henry Coulthirst, Roger Whawley, William Raickes and Richard Parkinson as Followeth.

Imprimis six oxen and six stotts	40	0	0
Item fower kine and a bull	11	0	0
Item two swine	2	0	0
Item wheate beanes and barley in mowes and thrasht and oates in the mowes and alsoe hay and an Arke in the greate barne, and a hay waine	35	18	0
Item hay in the old barne	6	0	0
Item fower old worke horses and a litle riggall	13	6	8

In the Waine house

Item fower paire of iron bound wheeles two stone waines fower Coopes three paire of wreathes one sled and of offall wood, fower paire of iron nailes nine yoakes, six ladders and two scaffolds	7	0	0
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In the Kill

Item a garden roller and an old haire cloth	8	4	
Item two maires two foales and tenn young colts	40	0	0
Item twenty six sheepe younge and old	6	0	0

In the Stable Chamber

Item two ploughes two shaires, two coulter three paire
 of iron traces, fower paire of hames fower barquams,
 fower Carte sadles two harrowes and geare to them,
 five load sadles fower overlayes fower wanteyes fower
 colesackes two paire of graves and five mold boards . 2 6 8

In the Mill

Item one Arke one farm twelve pickes, one Chissell, a
 wyer sive, roapes and pulleyes, hopper and mill Arke
 an old skepp fower dishes, one pecke two sives two
 boards, and six Ash boards 1 1 0

In the backside

Item several peeces of loose wood 2 0 0
 Item free stone and slate about the houses . . —
 Item grinde stone and Crookes 5 0
 Item nine teames two shackles and bolts two trantees
 six gavelocks two hackes, one great hammer and three
 wedges 2 0 0

In the Milke house

Item two Churnes tenne milke basons Two Cheese fatts,
 one sinker, two milk trayes fower loose boards two
 Creame potts one Cheese presse, two barrowes a brake
 a mell a forme, and two hand sawes . . 15 0

In the brewhouse

Item two guile fatts two fash fatts, two barrells one
 brewinge panne, one brandreth one longe trough, and
 one trestle under the window 2 0 0

In the Newhouse

Item fower Ash boards two wheele barrowes and one
 ash forme 3 4
 Item three iron rakes 3 0
 Item a heape of coles 1 10 0

In the Hall and Buttery

Item one longe table two formes two hogsheds six
 barrells, gantreyes and a boy with glasse bottles, two
 flesh fatts and flesh in them and hanged . . 7 3 4

In the Parlor and Parlor Buttery

Item one longe table two formes one square table one Court Cupboard six sett worke Chaires eight sett worke Cushions one picture, a paire of tables one lookinge glasse, tonges, fire shovell, forke and bellows, one other Court Cupboard, table, two sett worke chaires, a warmeing panne, a lanthorne, five pewter salts twelve pewter dishes, bigger and less six pottingers, fower Chamber potts eight tinne Candlestickes a pewter botle a garden pott, a voyder six brushes, three hang lockes a Case of ill knives a fish pann two wreathes one dozen and a halfe of trenchers, an oake can a joynt stoole, a grater a linn tunnell, a smoothinge iron and grate	8	11	0
Item one paire of brasse scales weights, a Case with rasors and other instruments, a sawe, a markeing iron, a hammer and pinchers	13	4	

In the Kitchinge

Item two fowling peecees a pair of iron rackes fower spitts, one tinn drippingge panne, a paire of briggs, an iron bake stone, a gallow balke and three reckons, a dripping panne frame strikeing knife, a smoothing iron and broylinge iron six pannes, one pott, nine cannas, two flasketts, three milkeing gallowes three piggins, three litle kitts two fryinge pannes, a brasse morter, and pestell a dish cratch, eleaven Alcomy spoones shreiding knife, a beefe forke, a bastinge ladle, a scummer a water [seive?] a great bowle, a wainescott forme a Chaire, and a Chaffin dish .	6	2	0
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In the Kitchinge

Item fiteene sakes one Arke and meale in itt	3	7	0
Item one bedstead, mattress flocke bed and bolster, one paire of sheetes, one blankette, rugg, single coverlett, one bedstead more one flocke bed light Coverlett, light rugg, bolster eight beast bowes, two packe clothes and cords	2	2	0

In the farr great Chamber over the Hall

Item bedstead featherbed and bolster, a greene rugg, one blankett, curtain roddes, and sett worke chaires .	7	0	0
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In the narr great Chamber over the Hall

Item two bedsteads, and a trundle bed, one chaffe bed
 one feather bed, and bolster, one paire of sheetes one
 blankett, one rugg one mattresse, one flocke bed, one
 bolster, one paire of sheetes, one blankett, one rugg,
 one single coverlett, and alsoe one blankett more . 4 0 0

In the Kitchinge

Item a bedstead, Curtaines vallens, one Chaffe bed and
 bolster one feather bed and bolster, one paire of
 sheetes, one blankett, one rugge one greate cupboard
 one table forme, tempse two buffett stooles a meale
 sive six paire of canvis sheetes, one od one two canvis
 table clothes and a voyder . 8 11 0

In the Chamber beyond the Kitchinge

Item two Arkes and malt . 7 0 0
 Item one bedstead curtains vallens, rodds, one paire
 of sheetes, a rugge and blankett, a feather bed, and
 chaffe bolster, and a trundle bed . 1 10 0

In Mr Wilsons Chamber

Item one bedstead curtaines, vallens, rodds, feather bed
 and bolsters one pillowe, quilt a blankett, and rugg a
 livery cupboard six sett worke chaires, a lookeing
 glasse, and a seller of glasses . 10 0 0
 Item two trunkes greene curtaines, and vallens, six
 worne coates, six old suites, two doublets two old
 cloakes, one shorte old coate two suites, a leather wast
 coate and one paire of cloth stockins . 10 0 0
 Item old stockins two paire of sockes and garters . 10 0
 Item three old hatts and gloves . 1 5 0
 Item a sadle girth, stirrops and irons . 1 0 0
 Item an Antymonial cupp . 10 0
 Item smale bookes . 16 0
 Item two paire hedgeinge mittons net and cords . 8 8
 Item one trunke of linnen sheetes and pillow beares, hand
 towells and trimming clothes . 5 0 0
 Item a diaper table cloth, seaventeene diaper napkins
 and two lesse table clothes . 2 0 0
 Item six huggabacke napkins old, one dozen of worne
 napkins, and few odd, three dimity wastcoates, two
 necke clothes, one rowler, two old table clothes, one
 shirt, eight linnen capps and a hawkeinge bagg . 18 0

Item on silver beaker six silver spoones, a litle silver wine dish, a pewter flaggon	4	0	0
Item one old longe coate	10	0	
Item bell and frame	1	0	0
Item tallowe	8	0	
Item wheele timber and mill timber, and loose boards in the garrett	4	0	0
Item close stoole and panne, and six yeards and a halfe of fustian stuffe	16	0	
Item old bootes and shooes	6	0	
Item garden sheares mattocke spade, dockin forke pointes and old hatt bands	7	6	
Item five boards at Bell-bush, naves and other houslements there att Eshton	10	0	
Item a muskett and a stone bowe	10	0	

Sum is 275 11 10

Debts oweing to the deceased att the tyme of his death and not to his partener Mr Thomas Wilson, which the Executors will not charge them selves with, untill they shal bee received.

	£	s.	d.
Item by William Simpson	28	19	6
Item by William Raikes	10	0	
Item by Rowland Tateham	3	0	
Item by John Backhouse	5	0	
Item by John Preston gent	7	9	6
Item by Christopher Paley	4	16	0
Item by Thomas England	6	0	
Item by Edward Rowlandson and Robert Moore	5	6	6
Item by Jeremy Rossendale	19	0	
Item by James Backhouse	18	6	6
Item by Thomas Wilson	83	8	4
Item by William Wadsworth	16	0	

Sum is 156 5 4

Debts oweinge by the deceased att and about Eshton in the County of York.

Item for servants wages and for wallinge and slateing	—		
Item to James Stackins	1	0	0
Item to Peter Johnson	2	8	
Item to Humphrey Moorehouse and Thomas Funtaine	1	8	

Item to William Wadsworth	25	16	0
Item to Robert Croft	10	8	
Item to John Wilson	19	2	
Item to William Bootham	8	5	
Item to Anne Tennant	5	6	
Item to Ellen Bootham	15	6	
Item to Thmas Forte	16	0	
Item to Edward Forte	15	8	
Item to John Hutton	1	5	2
Item to William Smythson	8	8	
Item to William Beecroft	2	0	
Item to John Preston	15	19	11
Item to Richard Robinson	1	7	5
Item to William Smythson	1	10	
Item to Stephen Ellis	4	10	0
Item to Mr. Carey	1	10	0
Item to John Backhouse	106	18	11
Item to John Waite Clerke	15	8	
Item to the earle of Corke and Henry Thompson eyther one shillinge free Rent	2	0	
Item to Mr Marsdon	2	6	
Item Rent for lands bought of —	1	6	
Item an Assesse to the poore	1	2	
Item Charges of John Preston one of the Ececutors and of Richard Knowles whoe came from London for him rideing post to London stayinge to performe the funerall and returne	12	17	10
Item oweing by the deceased for his house Rent to his Landlord for halfe a yeare	4	0	0
Item to Richard Pollard for Carridge of a packe of cloth from Dan. Oley the Thirteenth of September last	1	2	0
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Sum is	178	17	11
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The totall sume of the goods is	275	11	10
The totall sume of the debts oweinge to the deceased and not to his partener Mr Thomas Wilson	156	5	4
The totall summe of the Debts oweing by the Deceased att and about Eshton as aforsaid	178	17	11
The totall summe of the deceasedes goodes att Eshton Hall and att his Lodgings or att Blackwell Hall together with all his hopefull and desperate debts which are not in copartnershipp is	6,609	11	1

The totall summe of the debtes oweinge to the Deceased
 and to his partener Mr Thomas Wilson is . 2,574 0 0
 The totall summe of the debtes oweinge by the Deceased
 onely is 776 10 11
 The totall summe of the debtes oweinge to the Deceased
 and his partener Mr. Thomas Wilson is . 1,437 1 9

This Inventory was exhibited the 3d day of February 1657
 (English Stile) by Mr. Robert Cottle proctor for the Executors &c;
 for a true and perfect Inventory &c; under protestacion of
 [addministration ?] &c if &c

Wm. Hobb.

MD 297 no. 49

ROBERT SUTCLIFFE OF STODLEY IN LANGFIELD, YEOMAN, 1661

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum measuring $5\frac{3}{8}$ in.
 x 1 ft. $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Robert Sutcliffe of Stodley, or Stoodley, in Langfield, has proved almost impossible to identify with any degree of certainty, for numerous members of the Sutcliffe family bore this common christian name during the early seventeenth century, as witnessed by the Heptonstall parish registers. Various contemporary deeds filed with the inventory describe one Robert Sutcliffe of Stodley or Stothley, but it would appear that these descriptions refer to the locality of Stodley, rather than to a particular farmstead of that name. An account of the major families and houses in this area has been published by Abraham Newell in *Stoodley in Langfield*, in the Transactions of the Halifax Antiquarian Society for 1918, p. 69.

From the inventory it will be seen that Robert Sutcliffe's house was modestly furnished, his income apparently being drawn from a combination of weaving and farming.

AN INVENTORY of all the goodes Cattells Chetels of Robert Sutcliffe of Stodley in Langfeild in the County of yorke yeoman prised the Twelve day of Aprill 1661 by John Ingham John Sutcliffe Robert Horne & Abraham Clegge.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his Apparell & his chest	17	0	0
Item four kine & one Hosser	15	0	0
Item one meare	1	10	0
Item two Cobboards	3	10	0
Item one table with turstes	1	10	0
Item one pear of bedstockes	1	10	0
Item two Chests in the parlear	1	10	0
Item a litle Tronke & a boffitt	6	0	0
Item pewter	3	10	0
Item latine Caellstekes	12	0	0
Item a latten Chaffer	3	0	0
Item brass potts & pannes	1	13	4
Item one pear bedstocks in the Chamber	1	0	0
Item four Arkes a little coffer & a turlbed in the Chamber	2	0	0
Item one payr of bedstockes	5	0	0
Item otte meall	3	0	0
Item Corne sowen & plowing	1	13	0
Item two Chests & one payr of bedstockes in the uper chamber	1	0	0
Item one payre of loomes & one old arke in the shop	1	0	0
Item in bedclothes	2	8	0
Item one Chemley harowes & all Ioryne tooles	2	0	0
Item wooden vessell	1	5	0
Item a litle table wth Trustes cheares quishinges & Ches- breds	1	0	0
Item sleedes laders Rakes solles & loose wood in the house & barne	1	6	0
Item bookes	8	0	0
Item earthen potts backstones & backing toyles	5	6	0
Item sakes wheels & all Houselments	5	0	0
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Sum of goods	50	6	10
Debts owing to the Testator			
Imprimis to Robert Halsted	4	10	0
Item to William Sutcliffe	2	7	0
Item to Jonas Robtshay	5	0	0
Item to Martyn Wilkinson	5	0	0
Item to Abraham Heyworth	4	0	0
Item in funerall expences	4	12	2
Item to Symeon Crabtree	8	0	0
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Sum of debts & expences	12	11	2
Sum clear	37	15	8

MD 213

ROBERT BROADLEY OF HALIFAX, 1661

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum measuring $5\frac{3}{4}$ in. x 1 ft. 10 in.

Robert Broadley is described in his inventory as being 'of Halifax', but his will, made on 15 February, 1661, describes him as being 'of Myrehouse in the parish of Marton'. A search through the extant mid seventeenth-century documents for both parishes has proved singularly fruitless, unless a 1607 account that 'Robert Broadley did latlye hold of his Majestie one messuage at Lanehead Hipperholme callid the Ouldhowse, one lathe, one croft called the Croft under the laithe . . .¹ can be accepted as evidence for his holding lands in the parish of Halifax.

His inventory shows him to have been possessed of a fairly small house, equipped with minimal farming implements.

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY Indented of all the goodes and Cattells Chattells Credittes and Debtes which late did belong unto ROBERT BROADLEY of Hallifax in the County of York deceased, valued and prized the fifteenth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God 1661 By Thomas Pannell, John Gawborde, Joshua Whithead and Daniell Broadley, Exhibited by Mary the relict and Administratrix of the goodes of the said deceased by way of protestacon to add alter or diminish as the true state of the said deceased goodes shall be better manifested and come to the said Administratrix handes.

	£	s.	d.
Inprimis his apparrell, and money in his purse . . .	2	0	0
Item foure Swyne	2	8	0
Item in the Chamber over the house, one table and a fowroume	16	0	
Item one Cupboard	1	10	0
Item of furniture to the Cupboard, two pewther Candlestickes, two pewther Cupps, one possitt cupp, one blew jugg, foure quishings and a Cupboard cloth . . .	10	0	
Item one glasse case, two quishings, and six stone dishes . . .	6	0	
Item in the Chamber over the parlor, one bedd and bedding, with hanginges, and one foote chist . . .	3	10	0

¹ Duchy of Lancaster Court Rolls 2034 Bdl. 132. Survey of Hipperholm, 1607.

Item in the Chamber over the Kitching one Turle bed with bedding	I	4	0
Item one lynn timer table cloth, one paire of lynn timer sheetes, six napkins, and two pillow beares	15	0	
Item in the meale Arke Chamber, one Meale Arke and a table	I	4	0
Item in the parlor, two flock beddes, two blankettes, one long bolster, three short Coddess, one rugg, a paire of sheetes, and hanginges belonging to the bedding	2	0	0
Item one Safe	I	5	0
Item one glasse case, and five fruite dishes		8	0
Item in the kitchin, one old Arke		6	0
Item one brasse pott, and a little brasse pann	10	0	
Item twentye seaven pound of pewther	I	7	0
Item in the house bodye, one paire of gawbe irons, one brasse laddle, one paire of chopping axes, one strikeing bill, one scomer, and one prigg	4	6	0
Item foure throne Chayres	10	0	
Item two little tables, and two little buffettes	12	0	
Item two little throne Chayres	2	0	
Item two bakestones, one paire of runners, one fire shuffle, one paire of tongs, one fire poite and one spitt	3	6	
Item hustlement	3	4	
Item one rainge		8	0
Item seaven using quishings		7	0
Item two old ploughes		3	4
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Sum of goods	22	12	8

Debtes inward, as well desparate as doubtfull

Inprimis of Jeremy Whitacre	4	0	0
Item of Richard Shafton	I	7	6
Item of John Eastwood of Hallifax	2	12	10
Item of Frauncis Hardcastle of Leife in Scotland	4	0	0
Item of Edward Akeroyd of Bowling in the parish of Bradford and Abraham Akeroyd of the same	4	10	0
Item of halfe a yeare rent	3	5	0
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Sum of Debts	19	15	4

Deductions

Inprimis funerall Expences	6	0	0
Item the mortuary		8	0

2 May 1661 the other part of this inventory was exhibited in the Exchequer court of the archbishop of York under a protestation of disallowance or amendment as occasion in the future may appear. Thomas Thompson, notary public.

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WILLIAM WILKES OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1661

This inventory forms part of the court rolls of the manor of Beechill, being presented to the court by Dorothy, widow of the deceased, in order to gain the administration of her husband's estate, as he had died intestate.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable of William Wilkes of Tentergate deceased valued and appraised by Thomas Freiman Marke Emerson John Cundal and Francis Pearson 14th October, 1661.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse and apparrell	1	10	0
Item 1 Cubbert 2 bedsteades 1 Mattris 1 flock bedd 1 Qwilt 3 Coverlettes 4 Blankettes	2	0	0
Item 1 little Table 2 Chists 1 little bedstead		6	0
Item 1 Cubbert 1 long Table and 2 formes	2	0	0
Item 1 little Table 2 chares 5 stooles 4 Quishens		5	0
Item 1 Iron Rainge 1 paire of Iron racks 1 spitt with huslements		5	4
Item 2 brass pottes 2 kettles 5 pannes	1	5	0
Item 9 peeces of Pewther 2 saltes 2 Candlestickes 3 Sawcers		11	0
Item 24 bowles 1 churne 2 Barreles 2 Skeiles two flasketts and two little potts 1 plancke board with other husle- ments		6	10
Item 1 harrow 1 sled 1 hacke 1 shovel 1 pannell with other huslements		4	9
In rales wood & Turfe	1	6	8
Item in Barley unthrashed and one stack of hay in the barn	6	0	0

2 Milch Quie 2 calves one stirke and 1 Swyne	7	13	4
Item 1 Maire 1 fole 1 colt	4	0	0
Item 1 kimlin 1 little Cubbort 1 Doughtrough 2 little shelves with other huslement		9	[?]

Sum Total

28 8 8

Debts owed by the testator at the time of his death

To William Wilkes of Ripley	5	0	0
To Dennis Wilkes	4	10	0

Sum Total of the Debtes

9 10 0

DD 56 F3

JANE RICHARDSON OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1662

This inventory forms part of the court rolls of the manor of Beechill.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods moveable and unmoveable of Jane Richardson late of Tentergate deceased valued and appraised by four true and faithfull men Christopher(?) Conyers Robert Redshawe Ralph Dickonson and Richard Pretious 28th December, 1662.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis her purse and apparrell	10	0	0
In Lynnen	5	0	0
In Peder	2	10	0
In brass	2	10	0
In bedding	7	0	0
In boules cheesfattes and other Wood Vessell	1	10	0
In iron pottes Spittes and other things of Iron	1	10	0
In Stooles Chaires Tables formes Cupbordes and bed- stockes	6	0	0
In fuell & other huslements in the house		10	0
Item in Swyne & pultrey	2	0	0
In kyne 20	8	0	0
In Corne Sowne	7	0	0
In hay in the Barne	10	0	0

Debts owed to the Testator at the time of her death

Robert Autherson	.	.	.	.	.	20	0	0
Thomas Prince	.	.	.	.	.	10	0	0
John Simpson	.	.	.	.	.	10	0	0
Thomas Marsh	.	.	.	.	.	20	0	0
William Lister	.	.	.	.	.	3	4	0
Francis Brunton	.	.	.	.	.	2	8	0
Richard Clerke		14	9
Thomas Orom		9	0
George Kirching	1	6	8
William Thompson		10	3
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						Sum Total	162	12 0

From which is deducted

for funeral expences	13	10	0
for mortuary		10	0
for probate of the will	.	.	.	.	.		11	0
remains clear	.	.	.	.	.		148	1 0

MD 335

**WILLIAM RICHARDSON OF NORTH BIERLEY,
ESQUIRE, 1667**

This inventory is written on a gathering of two sheets of paper folded to form four sheets measuring $6\frac{1}{4}$ in. x $14\frac{1}{2}$ in.

William Richardson, son of Richard Richardson of North Bierley and Jane, daughter of George Hopkinson of Lofthouse, was baptised at Bradford on 15 August, 1629. He inherited the Bierley Hall estate from his father in 1656, later marrying Susan, daughter of Gilbert Savile of Greetland at Elland Church on 2 August, 1659. His burial was recorded at Bradford on 8 June, 1667.

The organisation of this inventory shows many similarities to that of William's father made some eleven years earlier, this being due, apparently, to both William Brooke and John Hopkinson (the Lofthouse antiquary, and William's great-uncle) acting as assessors for both inventories. A number of changes are noticeable between the inventories, William having made the Hall much

more comfortable. The 'best Parlor', for example, has become 'the Dineng Roome', its bed having been removed, and the old chairs and stools replaced by extremely expensive 'Rushy leather chaires'. More cushions and carpets have been added too, together with such luxury items as a clock, additional silver plate, and an extensive library.

A description of North Bierley Hall will be found in the introduction to his father's inventory on p. 100.

AN INVENTORY of all the goodes, Cattelles, Chattelles, rights Credittes & Debtes, of William Richardson late of North Bierley neare Bradford gent deceased. Apprised the 16th day of July Anno Dm 1667, by us whose names are subscribed as followeth vizt.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse (Apparrell) & money in itt .	40	0	0
Item his owne saddle horse & the bridle & saddle .	7	10	0
Item his suite of Armes, with Gantlett . . .	5	0	0
Item his owne pistolles with holsteres . . .	1	6	8
Item two swords & a falchion	1	0	0
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	54	16	8

In the hall Roome

three case of pistolles	1	0	0
one fowling peice	1	0	0
two Carbines	1	0	0
one stone Bowe	10	0	
one longe table with a Carpitt & two formes . .	1	13	4
one little table & three buffitts	2	6	
tenne chaires	15	0	
A dozen & an halfe of couchiones	12	0	
one brasse Clocke	3	0	0
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	9	12	10

In the Dineng Roome

one drawe table with a Carpitt	1	15	0
one little table & Carpitt	6	0	
one presse for lining	1	0	0
one Dozen of Rushy leather chaires	4	0	0
two greate chaires, of the same work	1	0	0
half a dozen stooles	1	4	0
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	9	5	0

In the Buttry

one table with two formes	13	4	
one safe	1	6	8
two glasse cases, with white plate	13	4	
half a dozen pewter cannes & flagiones	1	0	0
halfe a dozen pye plates, & one pasty platr	18	0	
twenty peices of pewther with porringeres & salte selleres	3	0	0
foure cushiones, & a napkin presse	4	0	
one leather Jacke	2	6	
eight dozen of trensheres	8	0	

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In the Seller

six hogesheades	12	0	
three dozen of bottles	9	0	
two barrelles	10	0	

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Sum total 82 11 4
In the Kitchin

one Cubboarde & a little table	8	0	
one forme, one chaire & 3 stooles	3	0	
Tenn large pewther dishes	4	0	0
halfe a dozen Chamber pottes	9	0	
halfe a dozen porringers	3	0	
thirty peices of other small pewther	3	10	0
six brasse pottes & one posnett	3	0	0
fife pregg pannes, a warmeing pann three brasse ladles, two scumers	15	0	
Six mettle pannes, with some other brasse	3	0	0
Item one still	10	0	0
two Iron pottes, two Iron pannes, three paire of tonges, two fire shovles, with pott hookes, & some other Iron stuffe, & 2 Iron backstones	2	0	0
one paire of greatr Rackes, one paire of little Rackes, six spittes, & two Drippin pannes & garden sheares	2	0	0
two frying pannes	3	0	

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In his owne lodging Roome

one bed with furniture	5	0	0
one little table & carpitt	3	4	

one Cupboarde and carpitt	3	4	
halfe a dozen cloath chaires & two little stooles	1	15	0
three boxes	6	0	

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In the Maides Parlor

Two beddes with furniture	4	10	0
One Cubboard & one Chest		10	0

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In the white Chamber

one beddstead, with two feather beddes & the furniture thereto belonging	3	6	8
six sowed chaires & two stooles	2	5	0
one little table with Carpitt & one Cupboarde with the Cloath & window Curtaines in the Roome, & one seeing glasse & one voyder baskitt	2	10	0
A Christning Mantle	2	10	0

20 11 8

Sum total 52 11 4

In the Chamber over the dineing Roome

one stand bedd one truckle bedd with furniture thereto belonging, & one suite of redd hanginges	12	0	0
six greene cloath Chaires	2	0	0
one Livery Cubboard & two Chestes	2	6	8

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In the Studdy

All the Bookes there	25	0	0
A little table a Chaire & a deske, & a seeing glasse	1	0	0

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In the Kitchin Chamber

two stand bedds with the furniture thereto belonging with a footr chest	2	10	0
one Arke with oate Meale in itt	5	0	0
three Lyne wheeles	10	0	
two buffittes, one old Arke	5	0	

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In the Chamber over the hall

foure Arkes, one presse	3	0	0
six trayes two flackettes, one kneading trough, with some other wood vessell	13	4	
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	3	13	4

In the Chamber over the Maids Parlor

two stand beddes with bedding & furniture thereto belong- ing	4	10	0
two Chests	1	0	0
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	5	10	0

Lynnen in the house

seaven paire of sheetes	3	10	0
tennpaire of pillow beares	1	10	0
one suitr of fine Dyap, vizt. one large table cloath, one side table cloath, & two dozen of Napkines	2	10	0
one suite of table Lynnen, vizt. one large table Cloath & dozen & an halfe of Napkins	1	16	0
A suite of huggabacke vizt one large table Cloath & a dozen & an halfe of Napkines	1	12	0
one fine holland table Cloath	13	4	
one suite of corse huggabacke vizt a table cloath & a dozen & a halfe of Napkines	14	0	
one Diper table Cloath, & six Napkines	1	0	0
one old table Cloath, & a dozen Napkines	10	0	
two Cupboard Cloathes	6	8	
five hand towelles, & a dozen of Napkines	16	0	
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	14	18	0

Sum total 74 18 0

Lynnen in the house

six paire of course sheetes	1	10	0
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Plate

Two silver Cannes	10	0	0
four silver cupps & a tumbler	10	0	0
A Dozen silver spoones	5	10	0
A silver sugar dish, two silver porringeres a wine cupp	4	10	0
A silver drinking boll	2	15	0
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	32	15	0

In the Chamber over his lodging Roome

two beddesteades with bedding & furniture thereto belonging	13	6	4
one screene	1	10	0
two Chestes, & a closestooles	1	6	0
one wanded chaire & three other chaires	15	0	
four high stooles & two lowe stooles & two cushiones	10	0	
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	17	7	4

In the lowe Roome & in the gate house

one bedstead with bedding & furniture thereto belonging	5	0	0
A little table & a Carpitt	5	0	
A little table & a Carpitt one coach chaire & three other chaire & six stooles	2	0	0
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	7	5	0

In the Dineing Roome, in the gatehouse

one Small table & two side tables	2	0	0
one Coach Chaire	1	0	0
A Dozen of cushiones	8	0	
glasses in the Clossett	10	0	
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	3	18	0

In the Milkhouse

A Counter, two tables, with severall vessells for milke & other huslement	16	0	
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In the menservantes Chamber

two beddes, & bedding to them & one forme	1	13	4
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Sum total	65	4	8

In the Brewhouse

All the brewing vessell there	1	10	0
two [kiveres?]	13	4	
three Arkes & one cheese presse	10	0	
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	2	13	4

In the Garret Chamber

one screen	10	0	
three Loades of wheate	1	0	0
two quarters of Malt	1	6	8
stroake pecke & halfe pecke		2	0
sixteene sakes	13	4	
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	3	12	0

Cattell & horses

six horses & Mares, with sadles & furniture	18	0	0
eight Draught oxen	28	0	0
fourteene milch Kyne	28	0	0
two bulles	3	0	0
eight young Cattell	12	0	0
four younger Cattell	5	0	0
five holding Calves	3	0	0
two fatt segges	7	0	0
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In the Foldstead

one boare, a sowe, & twelve other swine greate & small	6	10	0
Two hundred Loades of Manure	10	0	0
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	16	10	0

Corne on the ground

Wheate & Rye tenne dayes worke	20	0	0
Barley thirteene dayes worke	26	0	0
Oates thirty & eight dayes worke	57	0	0
Pease six dayes worke	6	0	0
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	109	0	0

Corne on the ground att Okenshawe

Otes six dayes worke	9	0	0
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husbandry geere

Three coupe waines & two silld waines	16	13	4
one cart with the furniture	1	6	8
three plowes, with Irons, belonging them	1	0	0
six yoakes, & seaven teames	2	0	0
one ox harrowe		6	8
four horse harrowes with furniture	1	0	0

eight Axletrees, five plow beames, two paire of Naves, a dozen mould boardes, two gang of felkes, & other plowe geere	2	0	0
one paire of waine Ropes		3	4
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	24	10	0
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Sum total	267	5	4

One gavelocke, one Mall, three hackes, two spades, one Mattock, two shovles with forkes & Rakes, & other odd thinges	3	0	0
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Att Richard Lister house in North Bierley

An horse Litter & certain [espe?] boardes two paire of waine blades, one pair of waine bottomes, & other great timber, with other waine geere	3	10	0
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	4	10	0
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Sum total	589	14	8

Debts weing to the Intestate, doubtfull

by William Pollard of the Woodhouse	24	3	0
by Nicholas Pollard	2	0	0
by Mr Henry Tempest	1	0	0
by Mr John Thorpe	3	0	0
by John Thorneton of Seacroft	1	10	0
by Oliver Haigh	2	2	0
by James Netleton	1	0	0
by John Senior	7	0	0
by Samuell Threapland	2	2	6
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	44	2	6
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Sum total	613	17	2

Apprised by us
 John Hopkinson
 William Brooke
 Richard Richardson
 Thomas Thwaites

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PETER THORPE OF KNARESBOROUGH,

1668

This inventory, written on a vellum roll measuring 14½ in. x 6½ in., was presented at the court of Sir Thomas Slingsby's manor of Beechill by Margaret Thorpe, widow of the deceased, in order that she might be admitted to the administration of her husband's estate, as he had died intestate.

View of frankpledge and court baron of Thomas Slingsby Bart held within the manor there 13 October, 1668, in the presence of Thomas Richardson, steward.

To this court came Margaret Thorpe, late widow of Peter Thorpe her husband, now deceased intestate, and said and sought that she be admitted to the administration of the goods and chattels which formerly belonged to the said deceased, and sought lastly that the said inventory of goods and debts of the said deceased in the said court should be enrolled and recorded as is manifest hereafter, which for the lord was conceded, in these words following;

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse and apparrell		8	4

In the howstead

One great table, one little table, one iron rainge, one cubbert, ten pewter platters, fower flaggons, three candle sticks two chamber potts two pewter bussells two brasse potts fower panns one longe setle with other huslement	3	0	0
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Item, in the Kitchens,

one copper and masfatt two tubbs two barrells with other huslements	3	5	0
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Item, in the chamber over the howse,

one bedstead one fetherbedd two old coverletts one limbeck one pann, two chests one old cubbert with other huslements	1	10	0
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Item, in the chamber over the kitchens,

three old bedsteads with other huslements	5	0	
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Item, in the litle parlour,
 one bedstead with curtains and vallences one fetherbedd
 one rugg two blancketts one bolster and pillow, one
 table, one forme, one longe setle two chests three
 Cushings, one sase one litle silver tumbler five paire
 of sheetes two table clothes one dozen of napkins . 10 5 0

Item in the Celler
 eight barrells one guilfatt with other huslements . 45 6

Item in the best parlour
 one bedstead with Curtons & vallance one fetherbedd
 one rugge two blankettes one bolster two pillowes one
 long table two formes three longsetles one litle table
 fower chaires six Cushins one iron range two pewter
 platters two flaggons one warming pann two pottingers
 one Trunke two stooles one litle Cubbert with other
 huslement 8 0 0

In the Chamber over the best parlour

three bedsteades with Curtains and Vallances, one fether
 bedd one flocke bedd two ruggs fower blankets two
 Bolsters two pillowes one litle table two chestes one
 forme with other huslement 6 7 5
 Item one sow and three piggs 40 0

TOTAL 33 6 3

Debts due to the Testator

Christopher Broadbent	9/-
Francis Thomson	35/-
John Ellers	14/-
Peter Clerke	5/-
Peter Steele	5/9
Peter Chraton	2/4
Thomas Hill	5/-
Thomas Clifton	7/-
John Lowson	20/-

TOTAL 5 5 1

Sum total of all goods & debts £38 11 9

DD 125 bdl. 31

EDMUND BOTHOMOLY OF SLAITHWAITE, CHAPMAN, 1668

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper folded lengthways to measure 6 in. x 1 ft. 3½ in.

Edmund Bothomoly of Slaithwaite is described in his will, dated 17 April, 1668, as being of Hill Top, chapman. As there are two hamlets of this name within a mile of Slaithwaite, it was hoped that it would be possible to trace the original house, the inventory giving a number of details regarding its construction and plan. The northern hamlet, however, was developed for high-density housing in the late nineteenth century, destroying all the earlier buildings, while the western hamlet possesses no houses earlier than the eighteenth century, and thus it has proved impossible to relate this inventory to any existing structure.

The inventory itself is of great interest, for it gives an accurate account of the stock in trade of a West Riding chapman of the late seventeenth century. Some of the stock is stored within the house itself, and includes 58 yards of linen, 37 napkins, 39 sheets, 260 lb. of butter, and 3 gallons of honey. His more specialised merchandise, however, is stored in the shop, and besides oil and hops, consists largely of dyer's supplies such as alum for mordanting, blue galls, logwood, and aleppo galls (i.e. oak-apples) for black and blue dyes, redwood and indic (indigo) for red dyes, and suitable scales for weighing them out.

THE INVENTORY of all the goods moveable and unmoveable which Edmund Bothomoly late of Slaithwaite in the County of Yorke Died posessed of att the day of his Death prised by those foure men whose names are undor writon the 21th of october 1668.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse and aparrell	5	0	0
Item goods in the house body one fire range		8	0
Item one litle Cubord	13	4	
Item one great Cubord	1	0	0
Item three spitts one dripping pan one fire pote two shovells and other iron goods with two iron Racks	1	0	0
Item one long table	10	0	
Item one litle table & one trest	2	0	

Item seaven Cheares	5	0	
Item eight stooles two Choping Cloggs	2	0	
Item three gallons in honey with potts	16	0	
Item in waxe & one quart of honey & one wax candle	6	8	
Item in the great Parlor one fire Range	2	0	
Item one paire of bedstocks with one Chaffbed one fether bed two boulsters one pillow one paire of sheets one paire of Blanckitts one Rugge with hangeings & one foote Chist	4	0	0
Item one Cubord	10	0	
Item one longe table with two formes	1	0	0
Item one Chist & one trunke	12	0	
Item one Cheare & two stooles	2	0	
Item twentie & seaven quishins	1	0	0
In the litle Parlor one paire bedstocks with beding & furniture	1	6	8
Item one ould Arke & one litle Cuboard	8	0	
Item the Buttry fifteene potts of Butter containeing 260 pounds waight	3	0	0
Item one paire Bedstocks with Bedinge and furniture & one foote Chist	2	10	0
Item five Coverlits three paire blanckitts with two litle boulsters	2	0	0
Item one Chist	10	0	
Item two other Chists	8	0	
Item seaven buffitt stooles two trunks	13	6	
Item two Chists one Cuboard & a Glasscase	13	4	
In the litle Chamber two fetherbeds two boulsters one coverlitt & three blanckitts	1	2	0
Item one trindle bed with furniture	6	8	
Item certaine beefe & bacon	14	0	
Item one Arke & one Chist	10	0	
Item two litle buffitt stooles	2	0	
Item fifty eight yarde linnen cloath at fifteene pence a yard	3	12	6
Item Thirty seaven napkins	13	3	
Item nine sheets	1	0	3
Item seaventeene other sheets	1	5	6
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	38	4	8
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Item Thirteene other sheets	10	0	
Item sixe pillow beares	2	0	

Item seaven better pillow beares	6	0
Item foure board Cloaths	7	0
Item two stone of Tow	14	0
Item foure pound & $\frac{1}{2}$ of teare yearne	6	9
Item sixe pound of Coursor yearne	4	6

In the Shope below the entry joyneing to the house

five Arks one paire Bedstocks with beding	3	1	4
Item certaine seeling for a milkhouse & one Cuboard	10	0	

In the ould house foureteene loade of Pease and

beanes	3	10	0
Item one load & a halfe of wheat	13	0	
Item one load Rye	5	0	
Item one Chist with tallow & candles in	9	0	
Item sixe barrells & sixteene hogsheads	10	0	
Item foure salting fats	7	6	
Item foure brueing vessells	6	0	
Item in hay	10	0	0
Item in Corne	2	10	0
Item one meare with furniture	5	0	0
Item two swine	2	13	4
Item twelve Cowes	27	0	0
Item sixe silver spoones	2	0	0
Item one silver tumbler	1	0	0
Item in Torves & Coales	2	0	0
Item in household huslement	1	0	0
Item one harow one barkom with hames and traces	4	0	
Item in pullon	7	0	
Item fiftie sixe load of oate meale	28	0	0

In the milne seaventie one stroke of Shillinge

Item three pecks Wheat & five pecks Rye	3	6	
Item two stroke of Malt	4	0	

Item in Brasse potts Candlesticks & chafindishes wayeing

141 pound	2	7	0
Item in Brasse pans 61 pound	2	5	9
Item two leaden pans	10	0	
Item in Pewter 103 pound	4	5	0
Item goods in the shoppe	77	14	11
Item one Chist & one litle table	4	0	
Item sixe sacks	10	0	

Debts inward upon spetialty by

Thomas Crosland	162	0	0
Sir John Kay	200	0	0

Mr Daniell Oaley	100	0	0
Hugh Ramsden	10	12	0
James Walker	100	0	0
Woodwell Inge valued at	5	0	0
In gould & money in the house	135	16	0
Debts oweing in the shope booke	327	13	6
oweing upon a bond by Mathew Nickols	4	0	0
Great White Royd valued at	1	0	0
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	1235	2	11
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Debts outward

To Widdow Bottomley	100	0	0
Mr Isaac Foster	38	7	0
Mr Norfuck	5	0	0
paide forth of the money in funerall expenses & other			
payments at and before this day	35	13	6
oweing Jeremy Wilkinson	20	0	0
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	199	0	6
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Sum Totals 1273 7 7
to be deducted 199 0 6

rest 1074 7 1

Prisers William Haighe
John Phillip
Richard Massir
James Denham

A note of Goods in the Shop

	£	s.	d.
40 Qtrs of oyle	7	6	8
24 Qtrs of hops	9	0	0
4 Qtrs of bluegalles	13	0	0
3 Qtrs of Aloppe galles	9	10	0
2 Qtrs & halfe of redwood	6	0	0
3 Qtrs 19 lb & 1 oz Log wood	7	15	0
$\frac{1}{2}$ a Qtr of Goary wood		10	0
42 lb & $\frac{1}{2}$ barbatus indic	13	10	0
27 & $\frac{1}{2}$ of zerkas indices	7	8	0
22 lb of allom		5	6
1 Qtr of Hustick		15	0

2 Qtr of Iron waites	.	.	.	.	.	12	0
39 qtrs 7 lb of Lead waits	.	.	.	.	.	11	0
1 Qtr of brass waits	.	.	.	.	.	12	0
1 Iron bauke a pair brass balances	.	.	.	.	.	6	8
1 bauke of wood & scales & 1 pair cards	3	4
13 lb of brasse waites	9	9
1 chest & table	4	0

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DOROTHY WILKES OF KNARESBOROUGH, 1670

This inventory forms part of the court rolls of the manor of Beechill being presented to the court by Alice, Anna, Elizabeth and Jane Wilkes in order to gain the administration of their mother's estate.

INVENTORY of all and singular the goods and chattells of Dorothee Wilkes late of Tentergate deceased valued and appraised by Robert Emondson John Mane Dennis Clemenshoe and William Carter 22nd October 1670.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis her purse and apparrell	2	0	0
Item one Iren Rainge two reckons one paire of Tongs		3	4
one-little table two buffet Formes	1	0	0
one little table one Chare six stooles		6	0
one Cupbord with three doores six peeces of pewter two Candle stickes two Salts one quishing	1	10	0
In the outer Buttery two Kettles Five pannes with other huslements in the said roome	1	3	4
In the inner Buttery one Forme fouer Barrelles five Chesfats one dosen of Trenshers with other huslement in the said roome		10	0
Item two stand bedds with Teasters	1	10	0
nine paire of Samaran Sheetes one dozen of napkings Fower pillowbears	1	16	8

one pannell Chest two little Chests one Chaire	6	8	
Item one halfe headed bed one mattrice one Coverlet one blankitt	13	4	
Three Formes two Chirnes two dozen and a halfe of boules two sheetes and two pottles	10	0	
Item one Kimling one daugh Trough one Spining wheele and one Bushell	10	0	
Item one soah one Cheese Trough one Cheese presse	3	4	
Item two Cowes one halfe yeare old Stirke	4	3	4
and one little pigg	8	0	
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	Sum Total	16	4 0
Deducted for funeral expences	1	12	2
Remaineth clear	14	11	10

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JOHN WEBSTER OF DONCASTER, ALDERMAN, 1674

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum measuring 11 in. x 2 ft.

The earliest documentary references to John Webster occur in 1663, for on 20 September of that year he was elected alderman of the borough of Doncaster, while two months later, on 19 November, the Doncaster parish registers recorded the baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of John Webster, grocer. His name also appears in the list of aldermen included in the new charter granted by Charles II to Doncaster corporation in 1664. On 21 December, 1674, he made his will, dying a few weeks later, his will being proved at York on 6 February, 1674-5.

Although it has proved impossible to identify John Webster's house in Doncaster, his inventory shows it to have been extremely well furnished. The dining-room, a relatively new innovation, was particularly well appointed, with two mirrors, twelve pictures, a posset pot, a case of glasses, delft plates, etc., all of which show him to have been a man of wealth and taste. The contents of the shop and cellar illustrate the source of his income, his wares including such wide-ranging items as gunpowder, sugar, paper,

oil, dyer's materials, pipes, soap, cards, spices, thread and pins, and iron rods, demonstrating how restricted the term grocer has become since the seventeenth century.

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY of all the goods and Chatelles of John Webster late of Doncaster in the County of Yorke Alderman deceased Apprised by us whose names are hereunder written the Fowerteenth day of January Anno Domini 1674 As followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis His purse & Apparrell	30	0	0

In the Kitchin

Item Nyneteene pewther Dublers Three py plates, a pasty plate, Two and Twenty Table plates, Three Flaggons Foure paire of Candle Sticks Foure porringers Twelve Sawcers a pottle pott a quart pott, Two pinte potts one Gill and Two Jacks a Stew pann a bedd pann a Salt Two dripping panes a watering pott Foure brass potts Two posnits & Fower panns Two warming pannes Five Ladles a bras fire shoovle & Tonges Three Little Candlestickes a Fish Scomer a plate Five ordenary Candlestickes & Three old Lanthornes	1	6	8
Two Iyron Fire shovels Two paire of Tonges Three Choping Knives Two beefe forkes a Tosting forke with other small Iyron things		6	8
Three Smothing Iyrons Tenn spitts a Jack Two pare of racks gallowbalke & reckon hookes a range & Froggs	2	0	0
A long Settle Three Chaires Two formes a Table with other huslement Two & Twenty loves of Sugar Three Qushions a Cradle a nest of Boxes & Two Graters	3	5	0

In the Buttery

One Table Five Stooles a Chaire a Napkin press Fifteene small dishes Foure Chamber potts Two Little Basins a Pewther Cann with other Small things	2	0	0
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In the Seller

Two Hogsheads Foure Small Barrells a Kimlin & Two Small Rundlitts	6	8	
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In the Hall

Two French Tables & Cloths Eight Stooles Seaven Chaires Two Long Settles a range and froggs a bible & some Little bookes	2	0	0
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In the Parlor

A Fether bedd bedstead and Furniture a Truckle bedd
with Furniture a Chest Three Trunckes one Table a
Cubbord Foure Chaires a hanging Shelve an old viol
& a little range 4 0 0

In the Chamber over the Parlor

A Fether bedd bedstead & all furniture thereunto belong-
ing Foure Stuff Chaires & Foure Stooles a Little Table
& Stands a Glass a hanging shelve a Chest of drawers
a Cabinett & a range 12 0 0

In the dineing Roome And the Clossett

Six dozen of Trenchers Three Baskitts Three voyders
Two Seeing Glasses Certaine Glasses a Seller of Glasses
a possitt pott white plates A long Table an ovell Table
a Forme Nyne Chaires Five Stooles a Livery Cubbord
Six Qushions a Range a pair of Landyrans a peece of
matting Twelve pictures Three Carpitts & a Cubbord
Cloth 7 12 0

In the Chamber over the Hall

A Fether bedd with bedstead & Furniture a Chest &
Two Chaires 2 0 0

In the Darke Chamber

A Fether bedd an old bedstead & foure old bed Clothes . 1 0 0

In the old Gents Chamber

An old bedstead with a Fether bedd & furniture Three
Tables Three Buffitt Stooles Foure old Chaires a Livery
Cubbord a Chest Three Chamber potts a Still & a
Close Stoole pann 2 18 0

In the Garrett over the Parlor

A Fether bedd bedstead & Furniture Foure old Stooles
Two Chaires a Table & a range 2 10 0

In the Passage betwixt the Garretts

A Wanded Chaire & a great Chest 3 0

In the Garrett over the Shopp

A Fether bedd bedstead & Furniture Three Chaires Foure
Stooles One Foote Stoole a Table a Long Settle a
Kitterminster Covering for the Table & a seeing Glass 6 0 0

In the mens Chamber

Two Fether bedds Two old bedsteads Two old ruggs
Two bolsters one pillow & blankett 2 0 0

In the Milke house

A Biskitt boule Seaven dozen of plates Six trays one
Chirne a milkeing kitt a Syle Two py peales with other
huslement 10 0

In the Brewhouse

A Lead with the Brewing vessells & Tubbs a buckitt
roape & other Small things 2 0 0

In the Hay Chamber

Certaine Hay & Thirty Slitt deales 3 0 0

In the Meale Chamber

A Leaven Tubb & Temsing Tubb Two barrells for meale
a Tiffany Tems a haire Tems with some Shelves &
other Small things 5 0

In the Corne Chamber

Sixteene Malt shovells a matt an old Chest with Tobacco
pipes & Three sacks of Malt 3 0 0

In the backside

Certaine Coales & a hundred of Deales 6 10 0

In the Court

A parcell of Flatt Iyron 7 Two parcells of Square Iyron
and Certaine deales 24 0 0

Foure paire of Fine Sheets Three paire of Course ones
Six dozen of Napkins Two dozen of old napkins Foure
Towells Six Table Cloths better or worse a dozen
paires of pillow beares fine and Course & Three bolster
drawers 10 0 0

Two Silver Tankards a great salt Two little ones Fifteene
Spoones a Cawdle Cupp & Cover Two Tumblers a
porringer a Sugar dish a Little Taster Two Sweete
meate Spoones & a Childs Spooone 25 0 0

In the Shopp and Sellar

Smoth Pepper Case Pepper Seaven Hoggsheds of
Sugar Fine white Starch Gunn powder and a hoggs
head of Allum 127 17 0

Linsitt Oyle Sallitt oyle white pepper Cinnamon mace
& Cloves & Stone blew 8 0 0

Rasins of the Sunn a barrell of powther Sugar a Chest of Barbados Sugar Almonds an End of Hopps & Twelve Reames of Brown Paper	37	18	5
A dozen of Hollands Twine Tenn gross of Plaine pipes Browne Candy Anniseede Gawles a hoggs head of Copperine Pitch, Ginger Currans Pruans Boale verdigrease powder blew, Ordinary tobacco, Soape Bay Salts & Small salt	28	15	0
Brimstone Best Vergine Tobacco black soape Two Casks of Tobaccou Stone blew & halfe a Tunn of Iyron .	16	19	10
One paire of small Scailes Iyron Weights Brass weights Three Small nests of Boxes Eight Large drawers & a Shop Chest	6	7	8
Twenty Foure Reames of White Paper black & browne thred	18	16	0
Horse Spise Six Reames of Copey Paper Two Gross & a halfe of Cards and several sorts of Thred . . .	3	17	8
French Barley spyled Bay Salt, white Ginger, Pins Soft [ware?] a Box of Fine Thredds Colored Threds & a parcell of Inckles and Phillitting	6	10	0
A Lead Cesterne, a Salt Tubb, & severall old Caskes & boxes	1	10	0
Two morters a horse & Two Cows	8	0	0
A Lease of the garden & Two Shopps	15	0	0
Corne of the Ground	4	0	0
Debts due to the deceased by Specialty & booke .	100	0	0
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Total	548	18	2

Henry Braileford Arthur Todd

Richard Sheppard Edw. Todd

Debts oweing by the said deceased —

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CHRISTOPHER FOSTER OF FILEY, 1675

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.
x 1 ft. $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.

A search through the available documents referring to the Filey area has proved fruitless, and it would appear that he was not a householder. It will be noticed that the inventory details the furnishings of his lodging chamber alone, which suggests that he lodged in a larger house, even though he owned extensive crops and numerous livestock.

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY of all the goodes & chattells movable and unmovable of Christopher Foster of Fyley of the Diocese of Yorke late deceased praised the 21 day of September 1675 By Christopher Cowlson John Norwood and William Naylor of Fyley as herunder followeth.

	£	s.	d.
INPRIMIS His purse and apparrell	10	0	0
Item In his lodging parlour a feather bed boulster pillowes bedinge chaires stooles linnen tables and other implements	8	0	0
Item two oxgang of Corne	24	0	0
Item Hay in the barne	4	0	0
Item Three quarters of olde beanes in the granary	3	15	0
Item a yoake of oxen	10	10	0
Item two mares and foales at there feet	10	0	0
Item a young filly	4	0	0
Item eight cowes and three calves	24	0	0
Item five young beasts in the pasture	7	0	0

Total of goods 119 5 0

money in the house and debts oweing to the testator

Inprimis in reddy mony in the house	5	0	0
Item oweing by William Robinson of Hunmanby	13	4	
Item oweing by Robert Baynton of the same	10	0	
Item by Philip Lowson	17	6	
Item by William Johnson	1	19	0
Item by Francis Spinck	4	4	
Item by Robert Buck	10	0	0
Item by Christopher Cowlson	10	0	0
Item by John Norwood	11	0	0
Item by William Foster	25	0	0
Item by Mr Wrench desparate debt	5	0	0

Total of debts 69 19 2

Total of goods and debts 189 4 2

Inprimis for funerall expences	
Item for a mortuary	10 0
Item for probation of the will and ingrossing the will and Inventory and to the King and for officiating by Commission and sending to Yorke about it and all other incidental charges	2 2 0

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SIR THOMAS WENTWORTH OF BRETTON, BARONET, 1675

This inventory is written on a gathering of four sheets of paper bearing an ewer water-mark, which have been folded longways to measure 6 in. x 15 in.

Sir Thomas Wentworth, son of George Wentworth of Bretton and Mary, daughter of John Ashburnham of Sussex, was born c. 1611. His early life was spent in the service of the King, acting as a colonel of foot and lieutenant-colonel of horse, besides being a captain of horse in the trained bands of the West Riding. These services to the Crown were recognised at the restoration, Charles II knighting him on 2 July, 1660, and creating him a baronet on 27 September, 1664. Following his death on 5 December, 1675, in his 64th year, he was buried at Silkstone, where his grave is covered by an elaborate heraldic tomb-chest bearing his full-sized effigy. His will, dated 11 May, 1675, was proved at York on 4 January, 1675-6.

The furnishings listed in this inventory must have been of the finest quality throughout, as indicated by their estimated values, but their individual descriptions are disappointingly brief. References to such items as the 'Three Indian Cabinetts with Jewells £800', for example, show that the contents of Bretton Hall were of an outstanding magnificence (the sum of this entry alone exceeding that of the entire household furnishings of Lord Ferdinando Fairfax's house at Denton), but they tell us little of the actual items themselves.

Presumably the 'Indian Cabinetts' were japanned in a highly-finished lacquer and decorated with gilt chinoiserie in the most

opulent contemporary style, as were the frames of the 'Black looking glasses' which hung in each parlour. The 'Frensh Tables', meanwhile, would probably be ornately carved and gilded in the renaissance or oriental designs of the Louis XIV period, while the 'Flowerd Lether'd Carpitts' would have been imported from the important leather-working countries of Spain and Portugal. Sir Thomas's wealth is also displayed in his stables, which contained a sedan chair and two coaches, one of which had enough harness to equip a team of six horses.

The hall at Bretton still exists, although it has been extensively reconstructed, and is discussed in detail by Dr D. Linstrum in the autumn issue of the Leeds Arts Calendar for 1971. It is interesting to note that the magnificent bed and cupboard made for Sir Thomas Wentworth senior before 1542 are not mentioned directly in this inventory for, being fixtures secured to the walls, they were not accountable as goods or chattels. Their presence is implied in the 'King Henry Palor', however, where the 'Furniture for a bedd' and 'One Carpitt for a Cubbard' are listed in a room otherwise devoid of either beds or cupboards. These pieces were presented to Temple Newsam House, Leeds, in 1946, and form the subject of an article by the editor in the Leeds Arts Calendar for Spring, 1972.

A TRUE INVENTORY of all the goods Chattles and Household stuffe of Sir Thomas Wentworth of Bretton-hall in the Parish of Silkstone and County of Yorke Knight and Barronet deceased taken and Apprised by us whose names are herunto subscribed thee sixteenth day of December in the 27th yeare of his Majestys Raigne Anno Domini 1675.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis; His purse and Apparrell	200	0	0

In the Hall

Item: One Range with Shoovell and Tongs one Fire poite and a Toastinge Iron	13	4	
Item: One Longe Table, Two Formes One [S]quare Table, One Longe planck Table and a planck Forme .	1	10	0
Item: Two seeld Chaires one Thrown Chaire and three Buffett stools	10	0	0
Item: One Brass Clock	2	0	0
Item: Seaven Case of pistolls with Holsters One paire of Holsters without pistolls Tenn Musquets, One Sword, Two Holbords, two Batteringe Axe, Fower Drums, Five Suites of Armor and the Horse Colers .	15	6	8

In the Dineinge palor

Item: One Range with Fireshoovell and Tongs, and One Firepoite 10 0

Item: One drawinge Table, Two Square Tables with green Cloath Carpitts, One Frensh Table, One Couch Chaire, One Large Chaire, Six other Chaires, One doz on of Stools all covered with green Cloath one book Fraime, One Wanded Screen 5 6 8

In the green palor

Item: One Range with Fireshoovell and Tongs 3 4

Item: One stand bedd with Furniture One Large Chaire, Three other Chaires all covered with green Cloath & drawers One green Cloath Curtaine for the window, on Little Square Table, One Little standard, One Large black Lookinge glass with three brass Scrue pinns 7 0 0

In King Henry palor

Item: One Range with Fire shoovell and Tongs 13 4

Item: One Little Square Table, Two Wood stands One Large Chaire and three other Chaires, One Covered Stool, two Window Curtaines with Rodds Furniture for a bedd and Furniture for a Truckle bedd, One Large black Lookinge glass with three Brass Scrues and One Carpitt for a Cubbard 66 4 0

In the Clockhouse

Item: One Camby bedd with Furniture, One Close stoll with a pann, Three old Chaires and one old Counter Table 3 5 0

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In the Gilt Palor

Item: One Range with Fireshoovell and Tongs 16 4

Item: One Stand-bedd with Furniture Fower window Curtaines of Cloath, one Large Chaire Two other Chaires Fower stools all covered with Cloath and drawers. One Little Table with a Carpitt, One Linnen Carpitt and a Towell, Two Stands, One Large black Lookinge glass with three brass Scrues, and two Iron Curtaine Rodds 48 0 0

In the great Chamber

Item: Two Ranges, a paire of large Brass Land-Irons and other Brass bosses Two paire of Brass Tongs, Two brass Fireshoovells	}	120	0	0
Item: One Long draw Table and two side Tables, Three settwork Carpitts, Three Flowerd Lether'd Carpitts, One Couch Chaire, One Duzon of settwork Chaires and One Duzon of settwork stools with Redd drawers Five Curtaines with Rodds				
Item: Fowerteen pictures, One Large Lookinge glass and Fower Brass Scrue pinns				

In the Gilt Chamber

Item: One Range, One paire of Brass Tongs and one brass Fire Shoovell, One stand bedd and furniture, Three Chaires and three Stoolls with Drawers. One Large Lookinge glass and three brass Scrues Two Stands and two window Curtains	66	0	0
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In the Clockhouse Chamber

Item: One old Chaire, One buffett stooll, One Range, and two Frensh Tables	1	13	0
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In the Hanging Chamber

Item: One Range with Shoovell and Tongs One stand bedd with Furniture and One Truckle bedd with Furniture Fower Covered Chaires, and Two Stoolls One Table with a Carpitt, Two Stands and One Look- inge glass	10	6	0
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In the Yellow Chamber

Item: One stand bedd with Furniture and One Truckle bedd with Furniture Five Covered Chaires, and Two stools One Square Table, with a Carpitt One Lookinge glass, and One Rainge with Fire Shoovell and tongs	7	3	6
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In the passage Chamber

Item: One large press Twentie settwork stoolls Beddinge in the press, Two Sadles one bridle and a Crupper .	7	14	0
Item: In the Wooll Chamber	3	7	0

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In Mr. Mathew Chamber

Item: One Large Table, One Livery Cubbard three
 Red Chaires and two Little stools One stand bedd
 with Furniture, Three seeld Chaires, One old Table,
 and a Chaire and other Huslement in the said Roome 6 19 4

In Mr. Wentworths Parlor

Item: One stand bed and Two halfheaded bedds with
 Furniture, One old Cubbard, One Little Cubbard,
 One little Arke, Two Chaires and other Huslement
 there 4 10 0

In the Servinmen Palor

Item: Two stand bedds and a halfe headed bedd with
 Furniture thereunto belonging and other Huslement
 in the Lo: Room 6 0 0

In the Cooks Palor

Item: One stand bed Two half headed bedds with
 Furniture, Two Tables, Two Chaires, and One Range 7 3 4

In the Little New Palor

Item: One halfe headed bedd, and One Truckle bed
 with Furniture One Close stooll with a pann 2 13 4

In the Wine Seller

Item: Certaine Runletts and Bottles 1 0 0

In the Whiskett Chamber

Item: One Stand bed with Furniture, One Truckle bedd,
 One Cubbard, Two Tables Three Chaires, One Range,
 with Tongs and Fire Shoovell 6 0 0

In the Vault over the Hall

Item: One Range, severall parcells of Wood and other
 Huslement there 7 0 0

In the Buttery

Item: One Table and Two Formes, Two Cubbards, One
 Chaire, One Dresser bord One Napkinge press, One
 glass Case Fower Flacketts, Fower Wood Canns and
 a voyder 1 4 6

In the nigh Seller and low Seller

Item: Three Hoggsheads, One Barrell, One Tap Kitt,
 Five Barrells more Fowerteen Hoggsheads, Three
 Wanded basketts and One old Syth 3 11 1

In the Larther

Item: One Hoggshhead, Fower hanginge Shelfes, and
Fower Wanded Basketts 10 0

In the Kitching Closett

Item: One Little Cubbard One old Stool & Shelfes 5 0

Item: In the Close Chamber 1 0 0

47 16 7

In the Kitchinge

Item: One Little Table, Two dressers Two Forms Two
Clocks, One Range with Fire Shoovell and Tongs, One
Fire poite, One paire of Standinge Racks, Nineteen
Spitts Seaven Iron Drippen panns, Two Chafeing
Dishes, One brass Chafeing dish, Two Morters and
pestells One Strikeinge bill, Three Shredinge Knifes,
Fower Choppinge Knifes, One Warminge pann, One
paire of Garden Sheares, Two Little Cubbards, One
bread grater, One Salt pye, Three paire of pothooks,
One Iron Shie, One pepper Miln, One Grid Iron, And
One Tallow Box, One Jack weghts & Cord, Five brass
potts, Eight brass panns Two prigg panns, Three brass
Ladles, One brass Scumer, One brass pottlid and Three
Iron Pottlidds 16 12 10

In the Kitching Larder

Item: Fower Fryinge panns, One dreser bord, Five
Shelfs, One Flaskett, Three Kitts, One piggon, Three
Bowles, Three paire of Iron Briggs, One Duzon of
Trenshers, and One Swine pann, and other Huslement
in the said Larder and Kitchinge 1 13 4

In the Brewhouse

Item: Fower great brewinge vessells One Water Tub,
One Large Malt Arke, One Soe, One brass pott and
One Iron brandry, Fower Saltinge Kitts, One Buckett
with a Rope and Chayn, One Wood Tunel, One
Flaskett one other Kitt, and other Huslement there 7 4 6

In the two Boultinge houses

Item: Three Meall Arks, Five dressers, Two Meall
Tubbs, Two Kneadinge trowes, One Souseinge Tubb,
Two Ringes, One pasty peall Five Shelfes 2 4 8

In the Dayrye

Item: Two Cheese presses, Two Churns, Five Dressers
and Shelves, Six and Fortie Wooden Milktrayes, Two
Large Wooden Bowles, Thirteen butter Kitts, Fower
Milkin Kitts, Seaven Chessfatts and three Sinkers and
other Huslement there 3 13 6

In the passage betwixt the hall and the kitchinge

Item: Two old Formes 2 6

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In the Flesh Larder

Item: One Lead Cestern, Fower Saltinge fatts One old
Cubbard, One Flaskett Two Flesh Kitts, One
Strikeinge bill, One Fish tray with other Huslement
there 4 18 4

In the Clossett adjoining to Kinge Henry palor

Item: Two Cold stills with two Lead bottoms Eight pasty
Tinns panns, Two brass Chafeinge dishes, One brass
Sumner, One brass Cullender, One brass potlid, Two
brass Morters, Six brass Candlesticks, Eleven Duzon
of Wood Trenchers, One old Cubbard and Forme . 4 0 0

Item: Certaine pewter in the Room 33 15 4

In the Ladys Chamber

Item: One Range Fire shoovell and Tongs and Firepoite 10 0

Item: Five Covered Chaires and a Stooll 1 15 0

Item: One Stand bed with Furniture 30 0 0

Item: Two Buffett Stools 2 0

Item: Eight Setwork Quishens 12 0

Item: One Couth Chaire 13 4

Item: One press 10 0

Item: One Livery Cubbard and a Cloath Three Large
Trunks 3 10 0

Item: Two Chests and a Little Square Table One Look-
inge glass, One Little box of drawers, And other boxes,
One Little press, One Desk, and Two Little Tables,
Three Dsk. of boxes and one paire of bellows . 3 7 6

Item: severall Chests of Linnens 120 0 0

Item: New Linnen Cloath 10 0 0

In the Store Chamber

Item: One Cubbard Nine Chests Three Trunks and
severall Fireboxes 4 6 0

Item: Severall brass potts and panns Iron Standers for Chimneys, Two Chafeinge Dishes	13	6	8
Item: Eight Swords and One Carbine	12	0	0
Item: Two hand Chafeinge Dishes and a Firnish pann	5	0	
Item: Two New bedd ticks and bolsters	3	10	0
Item Certaine books	60	0	0

In the Maides Chamber

Item: Two Caniby bedds with Furniture One old Table Eighteen settwork Quishens One dryinge Screen and other Huslement there	5	16	0
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In the Kitchinge Chamber

Item: Salt beef and bacon, Saltfish and Arks and other Huslement there	15	2	6
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In the Nearer Garner

Item: One old Counter, One old Table, One Chest severall boxes and Hampers One press, One side sadle & pillion seats, Trappinns Three paire of New blanketts and other bedinge in the press	15	6	4
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In the Further Garner

Item: One old Counter One press, Two Little Tables, One Range, Three Basketts, One voyder, One turn Chirn, Basketts and Barrells, One other Chirn, Wood bowles, One Wood tray and other Huslement there	3	0	0
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In the maides Lower Chamber

Item: One Table, One longe Trusle, Three Truckle bedds with Furniture Two Close Stools and panns	4	3	0
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In my Ladyes old Closett

Item: One Chest of drawers, One Table, One Chaire, One Trunck, White plates and several glasses	13	6	0
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In my Ladyes New Closett

Item: The Furniture thereof	24	0	0
Item: One Large Lookinge Glass	6	0	0
Item: Certaine Silver plate	59	1	9

In the Stables

Item: One provend Chest, Three Hagney Sadles and Fower Snafflebitts	1	10	0
Item: One Coatch and Harnish for Six horses	40	0	0
Item: Coatch and hold Harnish	4	0	0

Item: One Sedan Chaire	15	0	0
Item: Corne in the Barns & Corne growing on the ground, and certaine Lime and Meanure	337	0	0
Item: Oxen Cowes and other younger beasts	261	0	0
Item: Sheep and Horses and Swine	163	0	0
Item: One Ston'd Horse and Furniture	40	0	0
Item: Debts owinge to the Testator	936	4	0
Item: Debts owinge supposed bee desparate	51	6	0
Item: Debts owinge for Wood	1189	0	0
Item: In Cash	500	0	0
Item: Three Indian Cabinetts with Jewells	800	0	0
Item: Moneys due upon a Mortgage of Land	1300	0	0
Item: Rent in Arrears	349	3	8
Item: Waines, plowes, & other Husbanrye & Oake & Deall board	32	6	0
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The Totall Sume is	7657	5	3
Funerall Expences	1127	0	0

Aprisors { John Hobson
 } Edward Elmsall
 } William Briggs
 } John Ellis

DD 66/205

**BRYAN BESWICK OF GT. GRISTHORPE,
YEOMAN, 1682**

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper, bearing an ewer water-mark, which has been folded lengthways to measure 6 in. x 1 ft. 3½ in.

The earliest documentary reference to Bryan Beswick of Great Gristhorpe appears to be in the 1651 Survey of the Honour of Pickering¹ where he and Francis Beswick are listed as freeholders of the Honour, holding certain lands in Libberston and Girstroppe at an annual rental of fourteen shillings. Shortly after this date, on 20 June, 1657, he married Elisabeth Farside of Pickering. Following his death in early August 1682, he was buried in Filey parish church, his will, dated 26 June, 1682, being proved at York on 22 January of that year.

The inventories of both Bryan Beswick and his grandfather(?) George (see p. 71) are both in the Society's archives, thus allowing the changes made in the Hall between 1612 and 1682 to be studied in some detail. The comparison of the two inventories gives the impression of a rising standard of living and an increasing interest in textiles as the century progressed. This is particularly noticeable in certain rooms. In the Hall, for example, the number of chairs increases from two to fourteen, settles replace forms, and a screen, a carpet, and a clock are introduced to render it more comfortable and convenient. In the room above still greater changes were made, for instead of housing the wain fittings and harness, this chamber was converted into a well-furnished bedroom. With regard to textiles, it is interesting to note that the earlier inventory makes no mention of sheep on the estate, or of any form of textile equipment. The later one, in contrast, lists 47 sheep, ten shillingworth of wool, webs of hemp and linen, and four spinning wheels, showing a considerable involvement in the spinning of yarn.

The Hall at Gristhorpe (TA 088819) was rebuilt in 1800, and so no comparison with the original structure referred to above is possible.

A TRUE & PERFECT INVENTORIE of all the goodes & Chattells moveable and Immoveable of Bryan Beswicke of Girstropp in the Countie of yorke yeoman deceased, taken and praised by Robert Johnson, Samuell Johnson, Richard Humpton and Richard Dillaker, the Fourteen day of August 1682.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his purse & apparell	40	0	0
Item Hay in the stackes	10	0	0
Item corne upon the ground	30	0	0

¹ North Riding Record Series (New Series), Vol. I (1894), p. 77.

Item 6 Oxen	21	0	0
Item 11 Cows	22	0	0
Item 2 sturks and 4 Calves	24	0	0
Item 3 mares, one foile, one Colte stagge	9	0	0
Item 40tie old sheep & 7 lambs	9	0	0
Item one Cocke & 6 hennes	2	6	
Item one bee hive	8	0	
Item two swine	1	6	8
Item one Waine, one plough, harrowes and other furniture for husbands geere	5	0	0
Item helme balkes with other Wood	1	0	0
Item in the hall 2 tables with frames two Long settles, 14 Chares one screne, & one Clocke, one Carpett, 4 Cowshing, with other implements	5	0	0
Item in the Chamber above the Hall, one bed steed with a feather bed, with Close upon it two Chests, two tables with frames, one Carpitt & other implements	5	0	0
Item in another Chamber above the hall, one bedsteed, feather bed Curtaines, Rugg, with other furniture, & two Chests, one table	4	0	0
Item in the garrett over the two Chambers — of Rye wheat & Oate meale, one bushell one pecke of wood	1	0	0
Item in the Garrett, of Wooll	10	0	
Item in the seller under the hall, old barells one old Kimlin with brewinge vessells & other Implements & Coales	2	10	0
Item in the Kitchin, one Iron Range, one hudd, 4 recones, 4 pairs of tonges, one fire shovell with other Iron implements	1	10	0
Item in the Kitchin 2 old tables with frames one Cubbarde one press, one Longsettle, 2 Chares with other seates	2	0	0
Item in the Kitchin 16 puder dishes, one flagine, two tankers, two Chamber potts, 2 smoothinge Irons one warmeinge pann, 2 Candlestickes with spannes & other implements	2	0	0
Item in the Kitchin 8 silver spoones	1	4	0
Item in the Kitchin 2 brass potts, 2 Kettells, one mortar, 3 panns, two Iron potts	2	10	0
Item in the buttre next the Kitchin 40tie boyles, three skeeles, 3 standes, one Chirne with dishes, Chesfatts & other imployments	1	10	0
Item in the Chamber above the Kitchin 4 bedsteeds with furniture 4 spinninge wheelles, & other imployments	6	0	0

Item in the Chamber over the Kitchin, 2 dozen and a
 halfe of huggabacke napkines, 3 linn table clothes 6
 pairs of sheetes linn, 6 pillow beeres, two linn webbes
 & one hemp webb & Carsey webb 6 0 0
 funerall Expences 21 5 6

debts Oweinge to the testator as followeth

Mr William Robinson	40	0	0
Mr Garnett	10	0	0
Wm Malrie & Robert Foster	10	0	0
Richard Dillaker	10	0	0
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	70	0	0

praised by us/
 Robart Johnson
 Samuell Johnson
 Richard Hampton
 Richard Dillicar

MD 213

**JOHN RYALL OF HALIFAX, YEOMAN,
 1682**

This inventory is written on a vellum roll of two membranes measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 3 ft. 8 in., and is filed with a paper copy, together with a receipt for the 10s. paid by Grace Ryall to Richard Hooke, vicar of Halifax, for her husband's mortuary on 5 February, 1682.

John Ryall is also mentioned in a number of documents in MD 213. The earliest is a complaint, dated to the Easter term, 1660, that on 1 February, 1658, John Ryall 'by force and armes' entered the house of John Whitley of Ovenden and stole 'thirty quarters of Oates, fourty horse load of Manure and four wain load of hay to the value of Sixty pound'. The outcome of the case is not stated. A later indenture, dated 2 November, 1681, records John Ryall's purchase of 'one Cottage or dwellinghouse conteyninge a housebody and a Chamber over the same . . . in a place called Lovelace Lane' in Halifax from Robert Halliday of

Halifax, carpenter. Presumably this is the house described in the inventory, for he died a few days after making his will on 26 December, 1682, his will being proved at York on 15 February, 1682-3.

From the inventory it can be seen that John Ryall's house was very plainly furnished for a man of his means, the small four-roomed property hardly suggesting his great wealth in rents, securities, and bonds.

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY — Indented of all the goodes cattell Chattells rightes Credittes & debtes which late of John Ryall late of Halifax in the County of Yorke yeoman deceased taken & apprized the first day of January Anno Doni 1682 by us whose names are putt to the end hereof as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
IMPRIMIS all his apparell & money in his purse .	4	0	0

In the parlour

Item a pannell'd Chist 7s. a greene Caddon 10s. six old greene say Curtaines 10s. in Linnen of all sortes 40s. in Bootts 40s. and some old quishinges 6s. in all .	4	7	0
Item two Chaires	5	0	

In the Chamber over the parlor

Item one bedd & bedding Curtaines and vallons £3 Curtaines and vallons at another bedd 10s. a greene sowed hilling 20s. in all	4	10	0
Item a bedd vallons & Cupbordcloath sowed with silke & some Cruelle and greene silke fringe 40s. one Chaire 18s. in all	2	1	6
Item two setworke low buffettes 2s. and a Closesttoole Pann 3s. in all	5	0	

In the Chamber over the kitchin

Item one pannell'd Chist and a sadle and Ropes and other hustlement in it 15s. one lesser Chist & some wheate in it 10s. one huch chist 10s. & other hustlement ther 5s.	2	0	0
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In the kitchin

Item one litle Chaire 18d. a warmin pann 4s. a brasse pott & a posnett & a litle pottage pann 15s. twenty pound weight of pewther 15s. a silver beaker & wyne bowle & tumbler & fower silver spoones £5 10s. in all	7	5	6
Item a table at John Batley's 15s.	15	0	

Item in the Barne

Item five ladders 10s. in new oke boardes and some old boardes 20s. in all	I	10	0
In ready money in the house besides funerall Charges paid	108	6	6
Item three peeces of old gold & gold weightes	3	4	0

Debtes owinge to the deceased

By Samuel & Eli Dyson upon Bond	84	13	0
By Alice Ramsden upon a Bond	11	0	0
By Timothy Haneworth, John Masker, and Abraham Shackleton By bond	8	9	0
By John Murgatroid upon a surrender	111	0	0
By Jonathan Glover & Nicholas Kelbecke	40	0	0
By Matthew Widdopp by Bond	10	0	0
By John Tilson	5	0	0
By Daniell Jackson upon a Bond	10	0	0
By John Bently & Robert Deane upon Bond	10	0	0
By James Swallow & his brother upon a bond	10	0	0
By John Hawker & William Hudson upon a bond	5	0	0
By John Denton upon a bond	5	0	0
By Jonathan Shaw by Bill	3	0	0
By James & William Bates by bond	30	0	0
By Abraham & Jonathan Lome upon bond	21	0	0
By Joseph Priestley & Michael Best upon bond	166	0	0
By John Liley & John & Abraham Farrer upon Bond	21	4	0
By Arthure Milnes upon bond	1	0	0
By Marmaduke Drake upon a bond and some arreares of interest	52	0	0
By John Thorpe upon Bond	20	0	0
By John Wilkinson upon bond	5	0	0
By the said John Wilkinson upon bond	16	0	0
By Nathaniel Hitchon & Samuel Kinge upon Bond	50	0	0
By John Farnell and Grace Whitley upon bond	10	0	0
By John Ramsden upon bond	20	0	0
By Henry & Thomas Murgatroid upon Bond	10	0	0
By Robert Watmough & Samuel Tasker upon Bond	21	4	0
By Mr Rookes & Abraham Sunderland upon Bond	30	0	0
By Mr Thomas Rigge upon bond	50	0	0
By Jonathan Dobson upon bond	22	5	0
By Joseph Brigge upon bond	5	0	0
By Daniell Jackson & Eli Dyson upon bond	31	16	0
By Daniell Jackson & George Noble upon bond	21	4	0

By John Sugden upon bond	10	0	0
By Mr Abraham Mitchell upon bond	60	0	0
By 2 John Thompsons by bond	10	0	0
By James Murgatroid upon bond	30	0	0
By Henry Cockroft upon bond	40	0	0
By Henry Cockroft upon bond	13	0	0
By Mr Henry Ramsden upon bond and Judgment .	159	0	0
By Nicholas Rycroft & his son by bond	21	0	0
By Daniell Greenwood upon bond	8	0	0
By James & John Murgatroid upon bond	10	0	0
By Martha Woodhead & James Nettleton upon bond .	31	16	0
By Michael Bentley Executors upon bond	10	0	0
By two John Thompsons and John Hargreaves upon bond	40	0	0
By Edward Northen upon bond	5	0	0
By Thomas Wakefield upon Bill	20	0	0
By Jeremy Bairstow & John Cockroft upon Bond .	10	0	0
By Joseph & John Breare upon bond	21	4	0
By Doctor Maude upon bond	100	0	0
By Thomas & Joseph Lister upon bond	21	4	0

Debtes upon Land securityes

By John Wilkinson	100	0	0
By John Brigge	50	0	0
By Mr Thorpe	30	0	0
By Nathaniell Hitchon & Samuel Kinge	100	0	0
By Abraham Brigge	50	0	0
By Joseph Brigge	10	0	0
By Henry Thomas & John Murgatroid	120	0	0
By Henry Cockroft	200	0	0
And in arreares of interest	20	0	0
By Jonathan Dobson	50	0	0
By Samuel Newton	50	0	0
By Henry Murgatroid	10	0	0
By Daniell Smith	100	0	0
By Robert Watmough	100	0	0
By Samuel Bentley	50	0	0
By Jonas Bordall	60	0	0
By Robert Halliday	10	0	0

Persons arreares of Rentes

Owinge by Thomas Ellison	9	10	0
By John Broadley	9	0	0
By Samuell Newton	10	0	0

By John Bramham	.	.	.	.	.	5	12	6
By Henry Hanson	.	.	.	.	.	13	16	0
By Nathaniell Holden	.	.	.	.	.	4	0	0
By Mr John Thorpe	.	.	.	.	.	4	0	0

TOTAL 2782 12 6

Apprised by
 John Batley the elder }
 John Batley the younger }
 George Gill {
 John Richardson }

MD 349

JOHN HANSON OF BANKHOUSE, HUDDERSFIELD, 1689

This inventory is written on a sheet of paper bearing a fleur-de-lis water-mark, and measuring 15 in. x 12 in.

John Hanson was probably a member of the numerous Hanson family of Rastrick, but, due to the number of Hansons occurring in local documents, with whom John was a popular christian name, it has proved impossible to identify him with any degree of certainty.

A TREUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY of all the goodes Catells and Chatells belonginge to John Hanson of Bankhouse in the parish of Huddersfield and Diocess of Yorke deceased, vallewed and apprised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this twenty ninth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six Hundred Eightynine.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis in the house body one Range one fire poyt			
one pair of tongs		6	8
Item one Cubord at		18	0
Item one Longe table and 2 formes	1	0	0
Item one other table at		5	0
Item 3 throwne Chaires 2 Litell bufets one tressell at		3	6
Item one glascase			7
Item one Kit one pigin one flaskit one wood boul		1	0

In the Litell parlor; one pair of bedstockes and bedinge and one foote Chist at	2	5	0
Item one Longe table	8	0	
Item one Chist at	3	4	
Item one Litell table one salt pye	2	6	
Item one seeled Chist one thrawne Chair at	2	8	
Item two clascases	4	0	
Item in the oulde parlor 2 Arkes one oulde foote Chist	10	0	
In the Kitchinge 2 ould Arkes with sum barke in	12	0	
Item one brass pot 19 lb 1 oz at	6	5	
Item 1 pan and 2 Ladeles 7 lb at	2	4	
Item 18 lb pewter at 7 d. at is	10	6	
Item in the sun Chamber one pair of bedstockes with bedinge	1	0	0
Item one oulde table at	5	0	
Item one Chist without Lid	1	0	
Item in the Entry 2 ould Chists	5	0	
Item in Ashwood and one Load tree	5	0	
Item 3 ould drape Cows one Hoser and 2 Calves	8	10	0
Item in Ash Boards	1	10	0
Item 2 ould Mears at	2	10	0
Item in Mainor and Ashes	1	0	0
Item in Hussellment in and about the house	2	6	
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George Dawsonn Edward Crosland William Bradley
 Jos. Hanson

DD 115/4/9

SIMON HELMSLEY

This inventory is written on a roll of vellum measuring 6 ft.
 x 2 ft. 5½ in.

Unfortunately it has at present proved impossible to trace any
 additional documentary reference to Simon Helmsley, the task
 being rendered particularly difficult since neither the date nor
 the parish is stated in the preface.

INVENTORY of all the goods which lately belonged to Simon Helmsley by four faithful and worthy men, namely, Edward Heptenstall, Marmaduke Hogesone, William Dixsone Smyth and William Johnsone Butcher.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis 8 oxen	13	6	8
Item 3 twenter stotts	3	6	8
Item 6 kye	6	0	0
Item 21 sheippe	2	9	0
Item hoge sheippe	13	4	
Item 5 wedders	16	8	
Item 3 meares a folle and a stagge	5	0	0
Item a horse	2	6	8
Item 4 swyn	1	0	0
Item one wayn	2	13	4
Item on other wayn with yokes & teymes	2	0	0
Item two coupes bodies	1	0	0
Item 2 plowes & 2 paire of Irons		4	0
Item tymber & other wodde at the lathe	1	10	0
Item 7 quarters of Barly threset & 7 threset by estyma- cion in the barne	2	9	0
Item 6 quarters of haver by estymacion	1	4	0
Item a mowe of hay by estymacion	1	6	8
Item 8 quarters of wheat			
Item 3 quarters of Rye			
Item a Sewe & 9 pigs		10	0
Item wodde a bowte the mansion howse	2	0	0
Item 5 tymber tres with two toppes		16	8
Item fiftie Apiltres		13	4
Item plowe geare		6	8
Item a gaynge of speike & Fellowes		3	4
Item a paire of wayn blaydes		2	0
Item 17 bourdes		5	0
Item hay at tye mansion house		3	4
Item 40 stones of woll	10	0	0
Item 6 bushells of peas		9	0
Item 20 quarters of malt	9	6	8
Item 12 Sylver spones	3	6	8
Item an Almere & a coupburd		16	0
Item 3 brace pottes & a laver	1	0	0
Item a ketyll		5	0
Item fyve platters 3 dishes		10	0
Item a bassen & one ewer		2	0

Item 6 candilstykes one chaffinge dishe 6 litle Saltes .	4	0	
Item 10 queshinges	3	4	
Item a longe table a forme 3 chares with beif and backon in the halhouse	1	6	8
Item 2 plowe sokkes 3 weges	4	0	
Item paynted clothes & other hustelment in the hall house with tonges & stomer	1	12	4
Item a fedder bedde with that apperteyning to yt with 7 matteresses	2	10	0
Item 12 blankettes	12	0	
Item 9 coverletes & 7 happens	1	0	0
Item 6 paire of bedstokes	4	0	
Item 6 roddes & rodwares	2	0	
Item a counter & 2 formes with a table in the chamber & other hustelment	10	0	
Item 2 chestes a chare a litle bourde 2 formes	5	0	
Item a bruyngge leyde a maskefate a gielfat with other bruyngge wesselles	16	0	
Item a ketyll 3 litle pannes	13	4	
Item a bowtinge ton a kneydunge trough & other hustel- ment	6	8	
Item 10 doblers 2 sawcers	10	0	
Item 9 loads of wheat	6	0	0
Item his Rayment that ys to saie a gowne 4 Jackettes 4 dobletes 3 paire of hose	3	6	8
Item for corne & strawe in the tend barne	2	13	4

TOTAL 106 12 0

Debts which are owed to him

£ s. d.

Imprimis Richard Arthington for 3 quarters & 4 bushelles of wheat to have beyn delyverd at the feast of the purificacion of our ladie sainte marie a yere past .	3	0	0
Item Gilbert Dawesone for half a bushell of seid barle .	2	0	
Item Bartlemewe Tailor for 3 quarters of barle & 2 bushells of Rie lent hym & to be delyverd before easter next	1	10	0
Item in Nenyan Staveley for 6 bushelles & a half of wheat and Rye	16	0	
Item the same in Nenyan for 9 bushelles & a half of malte	18	0	

GLOSSARY

Due to the great number of unusual terms and local dialect names it has proved necessary to provide the following glossary instead of the more usual footnotes. Most of the definitions have been drawn from Joseph Wright's *English Dialect Dictionary*, Oxford, 1961, but, where required, additional information has been taken from the writings of Henry Best of Elmswell, published by the Surtees Society, Vol. 33, 1857.

Aglettes. Terminal decoration of metal used at the ends of laces, etc. to prevent their fraying.

Almere. See Aumbry.

Andirons. Fire-dogs.

Arders. Parts of a field set aside for a different crop (i.e. an arder of wheat, etc.), or a ploughing up, especially of fallow land.

Ark. A large chest, usually of oak, in which meal was stored.

Aumbry. A cupboard in which food and/or tableware was stored.

Backstone. A flat plate of slate or iron on which oatcakes were baked. Prior to the early eighteenth century they appear to have been fairly small in size, being suspended over the hearth, but from this date many larger versions were built to one side of the chimney, being heated from a separate fireplace.

Baize. Coarse woollen stuff with a long nap.

Barquam (Barkham). The pad of a horse-collar which takes the pressure of the wooden or metal hames or, more particularly, a flat piece of leather extending above the top of the collar to protect the horse's neck from the rain.

Bear (pillow-). A pillow-case.

Binke cloth. A cloth to cover the binke, a shelf or frame of shelves on which earthenware and domestic utensils were stored.

Bordcloth. A tablecloth.

Bows (ox-). The U-shaped rods, usually of ash, which passed under the ox's throat and up through two holes in the yoke above to hold the ox in place.

Brake (curd?). Probably used here to describe a curd-breaker, an implement used to cut up the curd to allow the whey to run off when making cheese.

Brandreth. An iron framework placed over or before the fire to support vessels used for boiling, etc.

- Brigg. (1) An iron frame, often hinged, which was set over the fire to support pots and pans.
(2) A wooden frame on which a sieve was supported over a tub when draining curds for cheese-making, or when separating the spent malt from the wort when brewing, etc.
- Buckler. A small round shield for personal defence.
- Buckram. Coarse linen stiffened with gum or paste.
- Buffet stool. A low wooden stool set on a frame like a small table.
- Caddow. A coarse woollen covering used either as a bedcover or a horse blanket.
- Can. A vessel, such as a drinking cup, used to hold liquids.
- Candlewoak. Candlewick, probably meaning tufted work in wool, rather than the actual wick of a candle in this case.
- Canvas. A strong unbleached cloth of hemp or flax.
- Capcase. A small case for caps of linen, etc.
- Cauldron. A large metal cooking pot. For details of its use see D. Hartley's *Food in England*, 1954, p. 37.
- Cesses. Toilets.
- Chafing dish. A shallow bowl-shaped vessel mounted on either legs or a raised base and having a number of knobs projecting from the rim to hold a secondary bowl of food. The dish was filled with burning charcoal to heat the food gently for simple cooking operations.
- Cherkey. Turkey; a carpet knotted in the Turkish manner.
- Chesfatt. A cheese-vat, being a cylindrical cooper-made vessel in which the curd is consolidated under the press.
- Chimlin. A vessel, usually cooper-made, in which bacon is salted.
- Chimney. From this and other references it would appear that the chimneys described in the inventories were iron structures erected over the open hearths in the halls before the use of stone chimney stacks became common in this situation.
- Chockes. Blocks of wood used to stop round objects such as barrels or wheels from rolling.
- Chopping knife. A knife used for the chopping of herbs, etc. See *Best*, p. 23, where he advises shepherds to 'gette the same [tansey] chopped very small with a choppinge knife'.
- Cobirons. Iron frames on which the spit was supported in front of the fire.
- Codd. A pillow or cushion.
- Colledge pott. A silver pot either used at one of the Oxford or Cambridge colleges, or given by the members of a college as a present to an individual.
- Conye Hayes. An enclosure for rabbits; a warren.
- Counter. A desk or writing-table at which accounts etc. could be compiled.
- Coup. A vehicle with closed sides and ends used for carting lime

or manure. It probably had two wheels, but this word is still used in the Pennine dales to describe a small dung-cart mounted on sled runners.

Cressett. An iron framework to hold an outdoor fire.

Dabbit. A day-bed or couch.

Damask. A twilled table-linen with woven designs shown only by the reflection of light.

Darnex. Silk, worsted, or woollen fabric originally made in Dornick (Tourney).

Diaper. A linen fabric with a small diamond pattern in the weave.

Dimity. A stout cotton fabric woven with raised stripes or fancy figures.

Dishcall. A rack for dishes.

Dubler. A large dish or bowl made of either wood, pewter, or earthenware.

Ewes. Twice-shorn female sheep. From its birth in spring to midsummer the female sheep is termed a gimmer lamb; from this time to its first shearing a year later it is a gimmer hog, while between its first and second shearings it is a gimmer shearing, after which it becomes a ewe.

Felkes. See Felloes.

Felloes (Felloughes). The sections of wood which make up the rim of a wheel.

Flake. A flitch of bacon or of beef, salted and cured.

Flaskett. (1) A large shallow tub used by clothiers to size their warp in, or to hold the water in which the weft bobbins were wet.

(2) A small barrel used by agricultural labourers to carry their drink.

Fleshfatt. A vat in which meat was brined for preservation.

Fleshehoke. A sharp-pointed hook from which flitches of meat were suspended.

Flickes. See Flake.

Fogg. The second crop of hay, clover, etc., or the long grass left standing in the fields during the winter.

Fowmared. A polecat.

Fugre. Figured material.

Fustian. Cloth with linen warp and cotton weft.

Gallows. Gallows-shaped iron frames used to suspend pots over the fire.

Gallow crooks. Iron pothooks on which pots were hung from the gallows.

Gange of . . . A set of . . . , e.g., a gange of felloes.

Garthing sheres. Garden shears.

Gavelock. An iron crowbar or lever.

Gimmer. A female sheep under two years old. See Ewe.

Gorget. A piece of armour for the throat.

Grave. (1) A manorial officer responsible for the administration of a section of a manor; i.e. a reeve.

(2) Graving-spades, used to break up coarse land for agriculture.

Gylefatt. A vat used to hold new beer when fermenting.

Hackle. A metal flax-comb.

Harden. Very coarse cloth made from the refuse, or 'hards', of flax and hemp.

Harrow tines. The iron spikes, some 9 in. long, which tear into the ground as the harrow is pulled along.

Hattchet. A small axe.

Haver. Oats.

Heck. A rack, usually for hay.

Helme. (1) (hawn) The haft of a hammer, spade, etc.

(2) Straw, pea-stalks, etc.

(3) A shed in the field in which cattle are sheltered.

Helme balks. A loft in which helm (2) is stored.

Hilling. A bed covering or coverlet.

Hogges. Year-old female sheep. See Ewe.

Holdinge pigges. Pigs kept for stock rather than for slaughter.

Holland cloth. A linen fabric which may be either of a fine or a coarse texture.

Huggaback. A strong linen fabric.

Inckles. An inferior type of linen tape.

Kersayes. A kind of coarse narrow cloth woven from wool, and usually ribbed.

Kilpe (pot-). The iron hook in the chimney from which cooking pots are suspended.

Kirtle. A woman's outer petticoat or short skirt.

Kit. Any wooden vessel such as a milking pail or bucket.

Kitterminster carpets. Carpets made in Kidderminster which show a pattern formed by the intersection of two threads of different colours.

Kiveres. Covers, as used for brewing vessels, etc.

Kylne. A permanent structure in which grain is dried by artificial heat.

Kylne Hair. A horse-hair cloth on which the grain lay to be dried.

Kymnell or Kimlin. See Chimlin.

Kyne. Cattle, cows.

Landirons. Firedogs.

Lathe. A barn.

Latten. A brass-like alloy of copper, zinc, lead, and tin, used for cooking vessels, etc.

Laver. A large basin, usually of a fine metal, used for abluting.

Limbeck. An alembic, or still.

Lyn. Linen.

Mackado, Mockadow. A fine variety of stuff, wool with a pile surface.

- Mall. A heavy wooden hammer.
- Manuee. Manure.
- Maskfatt. A vat in which malt is mashed as the initial process of brewing.
- Maund. A basket, hence maunded, made of basket-work.
- Maunske. A manch, an heraldic device in the form of a lady's sleeve.
- Mell. A heavy wooden hammer.
- Mowde boards. Mold-boards, the boards on a plough which turn the furrow.
- Musselgeem. Mixed corn, a mixture of different kinds of grain, or their flour or meal, especially of wheat and rye.
- Nabingodonor. A variety of needlework?
- Naffe. The hub of a wooden wheel.
- Ox. Any bovine animal, but particularly a castrated bull used chiefly for draught.
- Pasty-peal. An oven peel, being a long-handled blade with which loaves, pasties, etc., may be loaded and drawn from a deep oven.
- Phillitting. Narrow tape or ribbon.
- Piggin. A small pail or tub; a milking pail, lading can, or wooden basin.
- Placard. An article of dress, often richly embroidered, worn beneath an open gown.
- Plow stilts. The handles of a plough.
- Poite (fire-). A poker.
- Posnett. An iron cooking-pot with a handle and three feet.
- Potkylpes. See Kilpe.
- Prigges. Small pans of brass or tin.
- Quyes. A heifer of any age up to three years, or until she has calved.
- Qwissinge. Cushion.
- Raythes. The shelving or frame fixed to the sides of a cart to increase its capacity.
- Reckanes. Iron bars or hooks mounted in a chimney by which pots may be suspended over the fire.
- Repa. A textile of wool or silk having a corded surface.
- Riggall. A cow with a stripe along its back.
- Riggon. A ram with one stone within its body. See also Tupp and Wether.
- Ripple. An instrument to clear seeds from flax.
- Runt oxen. Oxen of small breed.
- Sage (swage). A metal die or form in which wrought iron is shaped under the hammer.
- Sagen. Sawn.
- Sallet. A helmet, usually of steel, for personal defence.
- Sameron. A cloth of a texture between linen and hemp.
- Sarsnet. A fine soft silk material.
- Satin. A silk fabric with a glossy surface on one side obtained by catching the warp threads only at intervals.

- Saye. A woollen cloth, being a fine type of serge.
- Scomer. A fire-shovel.
- Scumer. See Scomer.
- Seild, Seld. Being constructed of panels within a solid frame, e.g., a seild bed, chair, etc.
- Serge. A durable twilled worsted fabric.
- Sewkinge calves. Unweaned calves.
- Shackelles. Iron rings or links, usually running on a bolt, connecting the plough-beam to the swingle trees.
- Skelbuse. The front boards of a cow stall.
- Skeles. Wooden pails, buckets, or tubs.
- Sled. A sledge used in agriculture, particularly for harvesting from steep fields where a vehicle having a low centre of gravity is essential.
- Soa. A large round tub with 2 ears, used for carrying water or brewing.
- Spaynyng calves. Weaning calves.
- Speake. The spoke of a wooden wheel.
- Spitting sheet. A small sheet of linen placed at the bedside into which the occupant may spit.
- Stagges. Either young horses from one to three years old (especially young unbroken stallions), or a castrated bull or young ox.
- Stee. A ladder.
- Stepefatt. A vat in which items are placed to steep, such as malt, etc.
- Stone blue. A compound of indigo with starch or whiting used by laundresses.
- Stoned horse. A stallion.
- Stottes. Male cattle from one to four years old.
- Strike. A measure of corn from a half to four bushels.
- Styrkes. Young cattle of any kind.
- Sparver. A canopy for a bed or a cradle.
- Sumpter cloth. A cloth, frequently ornamented, placed beneath the saddle.
- Swineltres. The arrangement of shackles and wooden bars which enables one or more animals to draw a single plough or other vehicle.
- Synker. The circular board which presses the curds down into the cheese vat when under the press.
- Taffeta. A thin glossy silk of plain texture.
- Temse, or Tempse. A sieve, particularly a fine of hair for sifting flour.
- Thrawne chaire. A chair made from wooden rods 'thrown' by the turner on his lathe.
- Tombrell. A tipping cart, usually for a single horse.
- Tow. Flax or hemp prepared for spinning.
- Trencher. A wooden plate.
- Truckle or Trundle bed. A bed mounted on slides or castors which

may be stored beneath a stand bed during the day.

Tugges, Tugwithes. Traces connecting the horse collar to the swingle tree, or a chain connecting the swingle tree to the plough.

Tunes. The term tun usually refers to a funnel-shaped vessel for pouring liquors, but may also refer to a small drinking vessel.

Tupp. A ram. This class of sheep may be further divided into:

- (1) Close Tups, having both stones within the body.
- (2) Riggon Tups, having one stone within the body and the other descended.
- (3) Hung Tups, where both stones have descended. Only the latter variety are suitable for breeding.

Turkey. A type of woollen carpet knotted in the Turkish manner.

Turstes. Trestles.

Vergenes. Probably verjuice, the juice of crab-apples.

Voyder. A large open basket such as a clothes basket, or, if metallic, a vessel into which bones, etc., are thrown during a meal.

Wanded. Made of wicker-work.

Wantey. A horse's belly-band, or a girth used to secure a load on a pack-horse.

Warping Wough. A warping frame on which the yarn was wound to form a warp before it was transferred to the loom.

Wayne. A long two-wheeled ox-cart, occasionally with shafts (wayne-blades), and shelvings along its sides to increase its capacity (wayne-rathes).

Wethers. Castrated rams., This class of sheep may be divided into:

- (1) Clean Wethers, which have had both stones removed.
- (2) Riggon Wethers, which have been riggon tups (see tups (2)), but have had the descended stone removed.

Whearnes (Wheres) Querns. Stone hand-mills for grain, malt, or mustard.

Whyes. See Quyes.

Wimbles. Hay-rope twisters, in the form of a crank with a hook at its tip.

Window cloth. Panels of coarse cloth mounted on a revolving wooden frame which induce a draught for winnowing, or a window-curtain.

Womble. See Wimbles.

Wool-cards. Small hand-boards equipped with numerous wire hooks with which the wool is formed into a sliver of parallel fibres ready for spinning.

Wort trough. A trough in which the unfermented beer is contained in brewing.

Yarn, Yerne. Spun thread as used for weaving or knitting.

Yeld Shepe. Barren ewes.

Yowes. See Ewes.

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